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Owen links JMB with gold swoop

Matthey Bankers was yesterday linked with a large-scale gold smuggling operation during Commons questions on a Customs and Excise operation raided, and JMB files were

Dr David Owen, leader of the Social Democratic Party, told the House: Customs and Excise believe that something like £7¼ million worth of gold hullion may have been smuggled into this country since April last year up until 11 days

ago.
"There is reason to believe that this smuggling of gold and the purehase of this gold at a below market price by Johnson Marthey has been con-tinuing for some considerable

In the wake of the 1984 Bank of England rescue opera-tion for JMB. Dr Owen said that the news of the raids posed questions over the judgment of the Prime Minister. who had refused a tribunal of inquiry: of Mr Nigel Lawson. Chancellor of the Exchequer. who had given assurances that JMB's hullion trading was sound: and of Mr Rohin Leigh-Pemberton, the Bank of England Governor, who had told him in December 1984 that allegations about JMB's hullion operation were "ill-informed" and "ill-founded".

Mr Brian Sedgemore, La-bour MP for Hackney South

paigned for an inquiry into the repeatedly said that the bank JMB rescue, reminded the and gold builton business of House that the Chancellor of JMB is sound, will the Prime the Exchequer had said that the main reason for saving Johnson Matthey Bank was to sustain confidence in the bul-

lion market. He called for a debate on "today's annouocement that bullion has been smuggled into this country, sold at below market price, followed by value added tax claims at full market price."

Mr Dennis Skinner, the

Labour MP for Bolsover, condemned government "inconsistencies and double standards", linking the JMB rescue and the proposed closure of the Bates colliery.

He said that il was now known that there had been gold smuggling and asked why miners should be subject to "hypocritical standards when the bankers of the City of London get away with murder at the taxpayers' expense?"

Dr Owen failed in an attempt to get an emergency Commons debate, but Mr John Biffen, Leader of the House, told Mr Neil Kinnock that he would look into the possibility of a debate or a ministerial statement.

Earlier, Dr Owen said during Prime Minister's question

The name of Johnson and Shoreditch who has cam- the Bank of England has Minister now set up a tribunal

of inquiry?"
Mrs Thatcher said that she would not. "I understand that Customs officers visited a number of premises today, including Johnson Matthey. They visited these this morning in the course of investiga-tions into possible value added tax irregularities in-volving gold."

Dr Owen wrote to Mr Lawson in November and December 1984, after the Bank of England rescue of JMB, saying that his "main anxiety" was that in spite of assurances to the contrary, the bank's bullion operations were "in serious trouble" and were making "sizeable losses".

He was told by Mr Leigh-Pemberton on December 21, 1984. The problems which gave rise to the rescue operation for JMB arose in the commercial loan book and do not arise in relation to its hullion and other dealing op-erations which have been and remain profitable.

million worth of this country's dence of its customers and money in JMB. In view of that counterparties and their will-

soppliers who failed to pay the VAT, JMB are of course

cooperating fully with Cus-toms and their hope is this

Investigator believe gold

Trinidad Former England Test cricketer Geoff Boycott was yesterday under guard at a Port of Spain botel after he was refused entry ioto Trinidad. The British Consul on the "Your assertions and attempts to demonstrate that the bullion operations of JMB are basicaly uosound, would. I Caribbean island confirmed time: "There are some £185 believe, diminish the confi-

that Boycott, covering England's tour of tha West Indies for the Mail oa Sunday, and Matthew Engel, cricket correspondent for The Guardian, had been refused permission to land by Trioidad authorities because they did

Boycott

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In a statement after the arrived from Kingston, Jamai-ca on a British West-Indian Airways flight late on Wednesday night, "They were asked what they

were here for. They said they were writers covering the cricket, and were told, You don't have a work permit, norance is no excuse Boycott and Engel were

taken under escort from Piarco sirport, 20 miles outside Port of Spain, to the Holiday Inc., where they are being guarded in adjoining rooms. Mr Magor said Sir Martin

Berthoud, the British High Commissioner, was meeting senior officials "to protest and to ensure fair treatment". He said several journalists were already io Port of Spain and he understood one had been allowed to land without a

work permit. Boycott said last night that he was staying "calm and cool" inside his hotel, waiting for a call from Sir Martin. "Matthew Engel and myself have been refused entry be-

cause we have no work per-mits. We arrived last night from Kingston, Jamaica, and were told immediately that we had no work permits to work as journalists", Boycott said. "We had not been told about

this before. We have been told to stay inside the botel." Ha said:"I have no idea what will happen to us



Geoff Boycott, ordered to stay inside hotel

tion in fighting in other cities

of fundamentalist elements,

together with growing signs of

anti-Western feeling oo the

departure of this senior minis-

Mother freezes to death outside neighbour's door

A 29-year-old mother is believed to have frozen to death yesterday just feet from a friend's front door.

The Prime of Wales being presented with a buttonhole yesterday when he and the Princess of Wales visited a job-creation centre in Brixton, south-east London.

Mrs Moira Thompson was apparently on her way to collect her two children from a oeighbour's home when she collapsed in sub-zero temperatures in the garden. She was wearing only a dress.

Mrs Thompson, who was

eparated from her husband, had been out for the evening with a friend. She left her

set off for Mrs Cant's council house, it was only 150 yards away and she did not bother putting on a coat. Another neighbour, Mr Garry Coombes: found her body

early yesterday.
Mrs Canl said Mr Coombes banged on her door shouting that there was a body

gardeo. "I was stunned when I realised it was Moira. She was hlue all over and looked horrible." she said.

South Wales police refused to reveal the findings of a post mortem examination, but said foul play was not suspected. Hypothermia was the most obvious cause of death, bearing in mind the weather. It was minus 5C at

the time. Local social security offices and others receive help a rare plants and animals.

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The independent Chief Adjudication Officer at the Department of Health and Social Security told local DHSS offices that given the unusually February since 1963 in many parts of the country - it was "surprising" that more offices . had not declared the payments to be available.

Mr Tony Newton, Minister for Social Security, said yesterauthorities because they did not have work permits.

The consul, Mr Wavell Paul, aged eight, with Mrs day that 360 out of a total of day land in the capital intil the direct to be collected restriction. The consultation of the consultation of the capital intil the direct to be collected restriction. The consultation of the c

Actual help with fuel bills, however, will not be available to many claimants for some weeks as some local offices may want to see a comparison with previous fuel bills.

The official Meteorological Office line is that by Tuesday the blocking weather pattern which has locked Britain into cold easterly winds will be breaking up, and warmer air from the Atlantic will reach Scotland and Northern Ireland oo that day (Robin Young writes).

This should bring warmer and more changeable weather to the south by Wednesday.

 Dorset firemen were last night battling to control a large Local social security offices fire which strong winds were were told yesterday to make driving towards British extra heating payments to Petroleum's Wytch Farm people on supplementary ben-oilfield, near Corfe Castle in people on supplementary ben-efit a matter of urgency and Dorset. The fire has destroyed to make publicizing the pay-ments and ensuring the elderly may have endangered some

Lord Hailsham to wed his former secretary

Lord Hailsham, the Lord Chancellor, is to marry for a beamed at peers in the House third time, it was announced

His bride will be Miss Deidre Shannon, his former legal secretary, who went to work for him in 1948 when he

returned to the bar after the Second World War. Lord Hailsham is 78 and Miss Shannon 57. Miss Shannon, now a senior

secretary in a London research establishment, was a close friend of both Lord Hailsham and his second wife, Mary, who died io 1978 after a marriage which lasted 34

yesterday's proceedings, but at that time few knew about his forthcoming marriage. Mr Richard Stoate, Lord Hailsham's private secretary, said that it had been kept secret because both Lord Hailsham and Miss Shannon were keen to have as quiet a

The Lord Chancellor

wedding as possible. But they have out aonounced a the exact date.

Lord Hailsham married his first wife, Natalie, in 1932, but was divorced 11 years later. He has two sons and three daughters by his second mar-

Pound falls to record low against mark

The pound fell to its lowest ever level against the German mark yesterday, as oil prices dropped. Sterling lost four pleunigs to DM3.29.

The sterling index was down 0.6 points to 74.7, while against a generally weak dollar the pound dipped 60 points to

Share prices rose to new highs, with markets encouraged by the improved prospects for expecters that the lower pound will bring. The FT 30-share particularly a points to a record coloring high of 1281.5. of 1281.5.

The price of Riorth Sea Brent crudobil for a clivery in April fell blow \$15 a barrel.

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Ulster link to Britain at risk says minister

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

Britain, and appealed to them union in the United to call off Monday's strike in Kingdom." the province against the Anglo-Irish agreement.

Ministers told Unionisi its determination to implement the agreement.

The Cabinet yesterday dis-cussed the latest breakdown in relations between the Government and the Unionists and it was clear from the strong into debate and argument, is language of ministers after-wards that the possibility of a breach in the union is not discounted.

In the Commons, Mr Merlyn Rees, the former La-bour Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, said that while it was true there was no way in which the North could be put into the South against its wishes, it was equally true that the unioo between Britain and Northern Ireland could be broken by the Unionists and there was a grave danger that it might happen.

replied: "I do fear that the threat to the union could come others, particularly if there from those who most claim to were to be problems with espouse it. At the moment terrorism. some of them are embarking on a course in direct collision with the views of this sovereign imperial Parliament of the United Kingdom. This is a very serious matter."

The Government warned does and if it takes place in the leaders of the Ulster Unionists name of Unionism I believe yesterday that they were that it would lead to the threatening the union with erosion of support for the

> All the Unionists MPs. apart from Mr Enoch Powell. again boycotted the 40-minute Question Time session for

"All of us who are democrats know it is this chamber in which those matters whould be discussed and argued. A policy of abstention. an unwillingness even to enter not a policy of strength hut a policy of weakness and a policy of disaster."

Mr King said that every step possible would be taken on Monday to ensure the protection of the citizen and to help defeat the curse of intimidation. But he said:"The only absolutely certain outcome of it is that it is going to be damaging to jobs in a province that desperately needs more

Mr King warned that Monday's strike could put Mr Tom King, Secretary of great strains on the resources State for Northern Ireland, of the security forces. "In that respect it may put at risk

The Prime Minister last night had an hour-long meet-ing with Mr John Hume, leader of the Social and Democratic Labour Party, in which he reaffirmed his party's will-Mrs Thatcher said later that ingness to enter discussions on she hoped the strike would not devolution at any time withtake place, but added: "If it out preconditions.

Barclays abolishes mortgage premium

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

Barclays Bank yesterday fol- lions in their endowment lowed the other leading banks rates. "The endowment pre-in stepping up competition in mium is dead." Mr John in stepping up competition in the home loan market by abolishing the premium on

endowment mortgages.

If now looks inevitable that building societies will follow proportion of endowment suit in the next few weeks. Barclays is cutting its endowment rate from 14 per

cent to 13 per cent for about 10,000 existing borrowers. This will mean a reduction in monthly repayments of £1:70 for every £1,000 borrowed. The interest rate oo ordinary repayment mortgages remains at 13 per cent.

Barclays is also doubling its maximum mortgage £100,000 to £200,000. Building societies reacted to bank to do this for new the news by promising reduc-

loss in revenue. He added that mortgage rates in general would fall by about half a percentage point around Budget time if bank

Bayliss, general manager of the Abbey National, said.

borrowers than the banks, so

repayment rates might have to

rise slightly to make up the

base lending rates fell.
Earlier this week National Westminster and Midland

abolished the extra charge on endowment mortgages, al-though Lloyds was the first

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Tomorrow Life as a gamble



Françoise Sagan writes in Games of Chance of her fatal fascination with the gaming tables of Cannes, Deauville and Berkeley

Square On the boards Liza Minnelli,

stage in London Portfolio

Two winners shared tha Times Portfolio daily competition prize of £2,000 yesterday: Mr R H Bates of East Horsley. Surrey, and Mr C Evans, of Simbury on Thames. Portfolio list, page 24; how to play, information service, back page. Tomorrow, £22,000 can be won - £20,000 in the weekly competition and £2,000 in the

Sofia off the hook

The acquittal of three Bulgarians accused of conspiracy to murder the Pope was demanded yesterday by the prosecu-tion in the Rome trial, on the ground of insufficient

Groce charge

Police Inspector Douglas Lovelock of south London has been accused of unlawful wounding after the shooting of Mrs Cherry Groce during a police raid last year. The incident led to the Brixton

Sex terms cut

Two paratroopers, jailed for indecency agains: a woman soldier, had their terms cut in the Court of Appeal after the judge said the victim was sexually deprayed Page 3

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Twelve held in **Customs raids** By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter Customs officers investigating a multi-million pound Customs.

searched the records of Johnson Matthey Baokers on gold dealings before launching raids in London and Birmingham leading to 12 arrests.

The VAT fraud was estimated yesterday at £750,000, and officers recovered a toral and officers recovered a total of 2.5 kilos of gold from a JMB appear to have bought gold and paid the VAT to

VAT gold fraud yesterday

London address during raids. Charges are expected today. As the men held by the investigators were still being questioned last night, both the ustoms officers denied that any suspicion of fraud fell on the bank. No JMB staff were arrested and no JMB premises were raided

Last year detectives from the City police fraud squad began investigations into officers examined JMB JMB, which had to be rescued records and then sent out

bank was run.

was bought from Swiss banks Britain.In a number of recent

According to Customs VAT frauds gold has then sources, gold worth more than been put on the market by

operation, which involved raids or visits to 27 premises. Yesterday morning Customs records and then sent out search teams. The 2.5 kilos of

after it collapsed in 1984 with losses of more than £240 gold were recovered in west million. Since the investigations began MPs have made a number of claims about JMB's affairs and the way the and then smuggled to

£5 million is involved in the apparently legitimate compa-VAT case. JMB had bought nies registered to collect VAT.

gold as part of its role as a bank dealing in gold hullion and it had paid VAT as it was required to do to suppliers. VAT rules require gold suppliers to collect 15 per cent VAT

Militant end 'in sight' Labour's onslaught against beginning of the eradication of Militant marked the begin-Militant in Liverpool was ning of the end for the underway.

Trotskyist tendency in Liver-He said: That statement

nature and of such seriousness tion is being taken". as to have wide implications". Mr Charles Turnock, who pool will be published, headed the inquiry, that the

From Robert Fisk Cairo

Despite repeated assertions

by the Egyptian Government

thal security had been restored

to Caire after two nights of

fighting between Egyptian

troops and mutinous security

police, soldiers and rebel para-

military forces opened fire on

each other again near the

the streets in armoured per-

The lastest battle took place

around the camp belonging to thair views or aspiration the Ceotral Security Police at maintained yesterday.

sonnel carriers and tanks.

Pyramids yesterday.

pool. Mr Neil Kinnock said was absolutely correct.".
last night (Richard Evans "An inquiry needs evidence and when there is evidence of He said the evidence uncov- activity and organization ered during a three month against the constitution then internal inquiry was "of such a effective action is taken. Ac-

It appears unlikely that the Mr Kinnock was asked to evidence against up to 16 comment on the remark by Militant supporters in Liver-

> Toll mounts in Giza, where the original mutiny against the Government broke out on Tuesday night. Reporters who managed to reach the scene on the edge of the desert behind the Mena House Hotel found Egyptian soldiers firing into the compound with automatic weapons and tank cannon. If the vio-

Mabarak'a own credibility -The fighting was at least isolated and a 24-hour curiew indeed, the future of his regime here - looks less certain. - relaxed for three hours The President's senior politduring the day to allow the 12 ical adviser, Mr Osama almillion peopla of the city to obtain food — was still in force Baz, is insisting that the street battles, which cost the lives of last night as troops loyal to President Mubarak patrolled at least 36 people, did not constitute a mass uprising.
"Ninety-nioe per cent of the

streets of Cairo, suggest that Mr al-Baz's summary of the situation could be hopelessly over-optimistic. Opposition politicians here are already demanding the resignation of Mr Ahmed lence has now diminished, Mr Rushti, the Interior Minister, who theoretically controls the security police, and President

ter and close personal friend is the only price he has to pay. Although the Government still says that the mutiny was instinated by "false rumours" Egyptian people oppose this that terms of enlistment were because it does not represent thair views or aspirations," he heing extended from three to funr years, there can be little

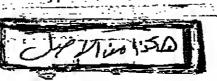
Navertheless, the participa- docht that Egypt's economic problems lie behind the vio-

Of the 36 people whom the Government here acknowl-edged to have been killed, 32 were from the security police, two from the Army and two civilians: 273 of the 321 people wounded were security police-

The Government, however, is less anxious to disclose the number of people arrested without charge although unof-Mubarak may be lucky if the ficial estimates say that asmany as 2,000 may have been taken prison.

• LONDON: The Foreign
Office yesterday advised British boliday tour operators to taken pris

keep away from Egypt for tha time being (Nicholas Ashford writes).
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porters in 400 constituency

At the time, Mr Ted Grant,

the founding father of the far-left sect, said: "We will reach

the other 200 as well. We have

about 60 full-time organizers".

of the Liverpool tendency as:

and just as inaccurate.

maggot was more colourful

Labour's side. The wound has

gone septic and the poison has

At the last Labour confer-

ence in Bournemouth, Mili-

tant sellers were present in force, most of them holding

of Employment and Health

and Social Security (DHSS) were studying yesterday the

will have to look more broadly at the retirement and pension

ages. Miss Helen Marshall won

her case under the EEC's Equal Treatment Directive, to which the United Kingdom is

Treaty of Rome:
The Government has so far

failed to incorporate the direc-tive in UK law, but the

European Court ruled that the

State is nevertheless bound by

it as a signatory of the treaty,

and thus its employees, that is,

those in the public sector,

have recourse to it through the

Private sector employees do

not have such recourse be-

cause the directive is not part

of UK law and retirement and

pension ages are specifically

excluded from the UK equal

pay and sex discrimination

As a result, the Government

Labour parties.

Leeds

and its strongholds

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Welsh miners of murder were "defective", the House of Lords ruled yesterday.

Giving reasons for their decison last December to uphold the substitution of manslaughter convictions against the two miners. Lord Scarman said that, as they stood, the guidelines were "unsafe and misleading". They should not be used without further explanation"

The five Law Lords upheld the decision by the Court of Appeal to alter the convictions against Reginald Dean Hancock, aged 22, and Russell Shankland, aged 21, who caused the death of David Wilkic, a taxi driver, as he drove a working miner to the pil during the miners' dispute. Mr Wilkie was crushed

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when a concrete post dropped from a bridge hit his cab. The two men, of Rhymney. Mid Glamorgan, were sen-tenced at Cardiff Crown Court to life imprisonment for murder but successfully appealed to the Court of Appeal, which substituted eight-year jail terms. The Crown in turn appealed to the House of

In their defence. Hancock and Shankland said that they had meant to block the road to stop the miner going to work but had never intended to kill or seriously harm anyone.

Giving judgement vester-

mind that had to be proved before they could return a

verdict of murder. The trial judge's direction as to the intention required by law was "impeccable" and when he had come to help the jury on the facts the judge had offered guidance along the lines proposed by the House of Lords in Moloney, a case which concerned a soldier "shot the father who loved him in a drunken duel

The Cardiff jury had been "plainly perlexed" by the legal the case. Lord Scarman said. The Moloney guidelines, as they stood, were unsafe and unsatisfactory". There was always a danger

that general guidelines might be misleading in some cases and he would not advise their use by trial judges when summing up to a jury.

Lord Reith of Rinkel, Lord Roskill, Lord Brightman and Lord Griffiths agreed in dismissing the appeal.

 Mr Tony Benn was heading for another clash with Mr Neil Kinnock last night afler introducing a Justice for Mineworkers Bill which heromised would become law under the next Labour government (Richard Evans writes).

The Bill, which is being circulated to every Labour constituency party and trade union in Britain, is based specifically on a resolution day. Lord Scarman said that passed by last year's party the case had called for a conference and has been

Legal guidelines which mis-led a jury into convicting two to the jury as to the state of Campaign Group of Labour

lts provisions include a review of all cases of miners convicted of criminal offences, including two jailed for manslaughter. reinstatement of dismissed miners and reimbursement of sequestrated National Union of Mineworkers' funds:

 Members of the breakaway Union of Democratic-Mineworkers were warned vesterday of violence and intimidation" opposing their attempts to restore democracy to the coalfields Mr Neil Greatrex, president

of Nottinghamshire.. UDM. told delegates to the area's first annual conference at Suttonin-Ashfield, to avoid the "destructive tactics" of Union National Mineworkers.

He referred to "scandalmongering and lies" perpe-trated by the NUM and added: They will attempt to destroy democracy Mr Greatrex said the UDM

hoped that democracy would

restored to. mineworkers in Great But he added: "I appeal to all of you, don't slacken off.

Don't think the battle is won. Mr Greatrex, who was making the opening address, said that the UDM faced a "most traumatic" two-year period but it was establishing itself as a "national union in every

Liverpool Militant jewel a septic thorn in Labour side

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

BBC fears threat to control By David Hewson, Arts Correspondent

The BBC Board of Governors vesterday criticized Mr Winston Churchill's attempt to extend the Obscene Publications Act to television on the ground that it could lead to a lowering of controls on sex.

violence and strong language. In a debate which the BBC described as wideranging, an indication that there was some division among governors on

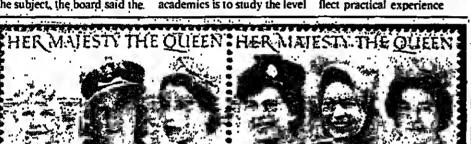
Bill would result in the imposition of its minimal provision on broadcasters, and not the more stringent and comprehensive standards" laid down in internal guidelines.

belief that the BBC had a responsibility to maintain the highest standard, and said that this was a cardinal concern A team of independent the subject, the board said the. academics is to study the level

of offensive material on television at the BBC's request, and an internal executive team is to look at the existing guidelines on violence.

The governors said they confirmed their support for creative programmes and their belief that the judgement of programme makers should continue to be informed by internal guidelines which re flect practical experience

The board reaffirmed its



The Post Office has issued a special set of stamps to mark the Queen's sixtieth birthday on April 21.

Each stamp (shown above) represents. three decades in the Queen's life; the first showing Princess Elizabeth aged two in 1928, then at the age of 16, then the young Queen soon after her accession, a 1958 appearance on Buckingham Palace balcony, wearing a headscarf at Badminton Horse Trials and the last, a formal portrait taken by Lord Snowdon in 1982.

The man who chose the pictures, Mr Jeffery Matthews, a freelance designer, said the idea was to show "a picture album of the Queen through six

"17D Sixtieth Birthday

decades".

The stamps will be available at most

Post Offices from April 21.
On her birthday the Queen will attend a service of thanksgiving in St George's Chapel Windsor.

In the evening she will attend a gala performance at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden.

In 1981, before Labour's their daily quota of newspanational executive decided on the expulsion of Militant's five pers across their chests in order to hide their conference leaders, it was claimed that the accreditation. Trotskyist tendency had sup-

It is an offence under the Labour constitution to belong to a secret organization with its "own programme, principles and policy for distinctive and separate propaganda, possessing branches in the 'constituencies' Yet it is well known that

When the five leaders were formally expelled four years Militant has brauches throughout the country. Durago it was estimated that Militant's membership numing the Bournemouth conferbered no more than 3,500. The ence, Militant carried alest estimate is that membership is about 7,000; that there are 150 full-time organizers and that Labour's party within 'Kilbride, Sunderland, Gateshead, Newcastle, Nottingham, a party has more money and a more sophisticated political Sheffield, Leeds, Coventry, Birmingham, Watford, Harmachine than Mr Nell Komock could dream of. .ibw, Stevenage, Cambridge, Brighton, Bonrnemouth, Swindon, Bath, Bristol and

officials constantly dismiss the ower and influence of Mili-That's not to mention at tant. Mr Kinnock this week least 12 constituencies in called it a splinter of a party. Wales, even more in London, which boasted 350,000 memand the concentrations of bers. His previous description Trotkyist influence around Merseyside and Manchester.

Labour's official response to such suspessions of influence Militant is a thorn in is to point to the low-level expulsions that are taking place quietly within the conspread throughout the party's national network, with particstituency parties, and to the constituencies that have nlarly strong power bases in Merseyside, South Wales, Scotland and London. turned their backs on Militant's parliamentary

Certainly, constituency parties have refused to select Militant supporters in Gates-head East, East Kilbride,

Equal retirement age

Glasgow Poliok and Glasgow

for Coventry South East, and Mr Terry Fields, MP for Liverpool Broadgreen, both evowed Militant supporters, have been reselected as candidates for the next election. They have also been endorsed by the national executive.

Isle of Wight.

He is therefore left with the

Militant offices

But Mr Dave Nellist, MP

Expulsions are reported to have taken place in Blackburn, Rhondda, Warley West, Newcastle East, Mansfield. Havant, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Isle of Wight, Sheffield Attercliffe and Telford. Two Cardiff Militant supporters, Mr Chris Peace and Mr Tony Wedlake, are now set for expulsion by the national ex-ecutive. Former Militant can-didates have also been ditched: in Brighton Kemptown and

But Militant held an open and public rally for more than 4,000 of its supporters at the Albert Hall, London, in No-Kinnock would dearly love to get rid of the lot of them he is constrained by the practical realities of Labour politics: the left would not allow it.

gesture of expelling up to 16 of Liverpool's leading Militants, knowing full well that their wards will still provide them with party cards and that Militant will remain as the jewel in the Troskyist crown, the thorn in Labour's side.

"If 65 is chosen, women will

working, something that will become more attractive if the

rules on how much you can

earn before your pension is cut

are abolished, as the Govern-

The institute said it fa-voured a "decade of

retirement", canvassed in the

Government's Green Paper on social security but left out of the Social Security Bill.

Ministers argue that a com-mon pension age of 60 would cost £2.5 billion a year net in

extra pensions, and that even

a pension age of 63 would cost an extra £500 million.

But the ministers are still considering a flexible "decade

of retirement" between the

ages of 60 and 70, where the

precise pension level would

depend on the retirement age

The difficulty would be that

person retiring at the age of

60, whether a man or a

woman, would get only 60 per

cent of the state pension. That

would be likely to place many

In addition, such a scheme

would probably have to be

phased in over a decade so that women approaching re-

tirement, who now expect to

be able to retire at the age of 60

with a full state pension,

would not find themselves

Civil Servants, both men

and women, already retire at

the age of 60. although men

are more likely to be allowed

to work beyond that. Teachers

have a minimum retirement

age of 60, with local education

authorities in general insisting

on compulsory retirement for both sexes at the age of 65.

on means-tested benefits.

ment has promised."

Militants out 'or branches will close'

By Peter Davenport Labour Party branches in Liverpool will be closed if they defy the national executive committee and allow expelled Militant members to attend

The warning was given vesterday by Mr Ray Gill Labour's north-west regional organizer, who will oversee the reformation of the party machine in the city. Sixteen party members in Liverpool have been called to answer charges of Militant membership at next month's meeting of the NEC and it is likely that up to 10 of them, including the council's deputy leader. Mr Derek Hatton will be expelled.

However, six constituencies and 33 wards in Liverpool bave already voted against accepting expulsions. They may also select expelled individuals as candidates for local elections.

Yesterday Mr Gill said: Once expelled, they will be ineligible as candidates. . It may mean candidates having to be imposed on branches." Mr Gill added that if the Labour group in Liverpool insisted on regarding Mr Derek Hatton as its deputy leader, even after expulsion, the NEC would have to rule.

"My advice would be that, once expelled, a person can't participate in Labour Party business. You can't use backdoor methods to get what you

However, an indication of the difficulties that lie ahead for Labour in its battle to rid its ranks of Militant came yesterday from Mr Hatton.

He said: The party in Liverpool has said, and many branches and constituencies have said already, that they won't let constitutional manoeuvres stand in the way of the rights of wards and constituencies to choose: their candidates.

The District Labour Party m Liverpool, where Militant exercised much of its influence, is still in suspension and. until a new organization is created, party affairs will be dealt with by a temporary coordinating committee of representatives from constituencies, trade unions, socialist societies and the party's regional office in Manchester, as recommended in the report of the NEC inquiry.

Mr Gill said that the reorganization would bring iveproof into line with other big cities but he was aware it may not be a smooth transi-

"I might have to kick a few backsides and knock a few heads together and I am onite prepared to do that." Last night the Labour group in Liverpool summoned a meeting of party members to discuss the NEC moves and next year's budget plans. It was expected to pass a resolu-

tion opposing any expulsions. However, Labour Party of-ficials said the meeting had no power to take decisions and any resolution passed would not change the mind of the

The meeting was boycotted by moderate Labour Party

Errors led Private sector next in line

to loss of water

A combination of errors led to 140,000 people heing left without water when a 100year-old mains pipe burst, it was disclosed yesterday.

A committee of inquiry set up to look into the biggest emergency of its kind since the Second World War found much of the loss of water supplies over five days could have been avoided.

The crisis, after mains burst in Leeds. West Yorkshire, on December 9, was due to a combination of poor records. missing identification mark-ers on key valves, and buman

The emergency cost £320,000, but the Yorkshire Water Authority chairman, Mr Gordon Jones, said the event could not bave been foreseen. The authority has approved

an 11-point action plan to improve pipeline mainte-

Workers in protest at print vandals

imag as br

By Michael Horsnell

Members of Sogat '82 workng for newspaper wholesalers in the provinces are threatening to leave the printing union fter picket line vandalism by heir London colleagues.

Unless incidents, which are part of the protests against the dismissal of 5.000 striking workers by News International, are stopped members will call for a ballot on whether to remain in the union.

The vandalism has centred on the distribution centre of holesalers W.H. Smith at Northampton from which copies of the three weekly supplements of The Times, produced on local presses, are listributed Early vesterday. Sogat pick-

ets from London, backed by members of other trades unions, daubed lorries leaving the centre and cars belong to local Sogat members with naint from aerosol cans. W.H. Smith employs 1,800

Sogat men at 90 depots many of which have been plagued by pickets anxious to stop deliv erv vehicles Production of The Times literary, higher education and mained unaffected by the

picket and by a National

Graphical Association threat to black production. Meanwhile, an attempt by a Sogat branch to secure a relaxation of the sequestration order of its £17 million assets

failed in the High Court. The union's London Cleri-cal and Administrative branch asked Mr Justice Taylor for permission to pay staff wages, an overdue telephone bill and

Refusing the application, the judge said the matter could be considered at a full hearing next Tuesday.

The sequestration order was granted on February 10 for contempt of court after lawvers for News International said the union had ignored an injunction requiring it to call off a blacking instruction to Sogat members at wholesalers.

The Prime Minister yesterday condemned a decision by the Labour-controlled Derbyshire County Council to ban The Times from local fibraries because of the dispute over News International's move to new premises at Wapping in east London.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher told MPs at Question Time: "To minded and smacks of

. Tower Hamlers Council in London said no further action was planned against Mr Rupert Murdoch's News International after receiving assurances that the company is taking steps to reduce night-

Mr Ron Todd, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers Union, attacked News International for dismissing print workers

The Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service said last night that no approach bad been received from the print unions for talks with News International.

The traditional newspaper unions and the electricians union EETPU, which they accuse of taking jobs at Wapping, decided on making a joint approach to the company in an attempt to resolve the

 Mr Neil Kinnock last night backed the lifting of the Labour Party's ban on speaking to News International journalists during the Fulham by-election (Philip Webster writes].
The first breach in the ban

imposed after News International's move to Wapping occurred earlier this week when the party's powerful campaign strategy commit-tee agreed that the ban was & impractical and damaging to Labour's chances in the by

election campaigo.

The proposal will now go before the NEC on March 5. If passed. News International journalists will be able to attend Fulham press conferences and by-election events.



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sector employees would not have ground for seeking equal Heseltinic Lonference F

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent Officials at the departments because having one rule for the public sector and one for the private just will not work still be able to get the state pension at 60 but carry on

European Court's ruling on In the short term, the only retirement age as employers and the Government tried to practical impact of the ruling is likely to be that women in the public sector who want to work out its long-term implistay on past the age of 60 will The immediate effect of the ruling seems to be limited. also allowed to, and that men Women working in the public in the public sector who want sector have won the right to to accept the financial penalthe same retirement age as ties of early retirement could men, and vice-versa. But employers and the Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC)

However, that raises the believe that the Government issue of pension age, as op-

in the long run."

However, that raises the issue of pension age, as opposed to retirement age. State pension is paid at the age of 65 for men but at the age of 60 for women, so a man retiring at the age of 60 without an occupational pension could face five years with no income bound as a signatory to the until he was 65.

Calls for 'decade of retirement'

The DHSS insisted yesterday that the ruling has no direct bearing on pension age. But the EOC and some employers believe that, in the long run, it will The Institute of Directors

said: "The Government is going to have to work out what its retirement policy is. Even if the Government does not legislate there will be essure on private employers for a common retirement age would have to legislate to and whatever age employers force private sector employers chose, it will not in the long to provide equal retirement. run be satisfactory.
Until that happens private "If age 60 is chose "If age 60 is chosen millions

of men who do not have occupational pensions would retirement age.

The EOC said yesterday:
"We believe they will have to sion and would fall back on spond by changing the law social security.

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Synod report rejects image of women as brass polishers

England are no longer exclusively arrangers of flowers, polishers of brass and makers of teal according to a church report published yesterday. Men now do these things

too, while women chair meetings; act as churchwardens and read the lessons. A survey conducted for the

General Synod in typical parishes found that only 6 per cent of church congregations had more men than women. Men are still over-represented on local church committees. however, in spite of the trend the other way.

Three-quarters of the parishes had a men as treasurer. in a third of them, all committees were chaired by men. The 'male chairman, female secretary" pattern for these committees is still strong.

Men dominate as organists.

with only 15. per cent of parishes having a regular woman organist. Three out of four churches had women in the choir, however.

Women were also in great demand as leaders of discussion groups, and in more than half the parishes women assisted in the preparation of candidates for baptism, confirmation and marriage.

in more than half the parishes in the survey, men took part with women in flower

Women in the Church of church functions. Men still positions open to lay people. It ngland are no longer exclu- had a monopoly of altar was more likely due to lack of had a monopoly of altar serving in about half the parishes.

The survey took into account a report from a group of women in Derby diocese, which said: "Traditionally, tasks to do with, for example, food, cleaning, flowers and children were largely assigned

But there was also a view that women had no monopoly of being caring. It was clear from the list of jobs that women were encouraged to exercise leadership among children, and maybe among other women, but there was less evidence that this was practised in other areas of church life."

The group which conducted and analysed the survey said in its report that exclusive concentration on the issue of women priests "allows journalists to make extravagant statements" about the ehurch's neglect of women.

The group recommended positive action to give women greater representation at higher levels in the church, includ-ing a policy of "head-hunting" to find and persuade suitable women to apply.

The present imbalance did not, the group felt, demondeliberate strate discrimination against womdiscrimination against wom-en in the more senior church Street, London SWI; £5.50).

knowledge of women compe teni 10 serve.

It recommends that the General Synod should adopt guidelines for the appointment of women to its boards and councils, at least for a

On the management of finance, the survey found evidence of male monopoly. In church bureaucracy it was found that qualified women did not often apply for senior positions, although a quarter of the senior jobs at Church House. Westminster, were held by women.

The report welcomes a new attention to the wording of advertisements for posts in Church House to ensure it was clear that applications from women and men were equally welcome. There was clear anxiety to see more women in senior posts.

in other areas of administration, women had been ap-pointed to some of the most responsible positions in the Church of England, such as vicar general of the province of Canterbury and Third Church Estates Commissioner, the survey found.

Servants of the Lord (Church



New Blue Riband challenger

Richard Branson, owner of the Virgin music and airline companies, displaying a model yesterday of the boat with which he hopes to recapture for Britain the Blue Riband Tropby for the fastest transatiantle cross-

The team of six, which plans to attempt the record crossing in early July, will include Chay Blyth (left), who will be in charge of the crew, Dag Pike (centre) and Steve Ridgway. They were members of the crew of Virgin Atlantic Challenger I which sank last year, 138 nantical miles short of the record. The new boat, Virgin Atlantic Challenger II, is being built by Brooke Yachts, of Lowestoft, Suffolk, and will cost £1.5 million. It is capable of an average speed of 45 knots and will have a strong aluminium single ball, in contrast to Challenger I's twin halls, and revolutionary life-saving system in case of trouble. It will be powered by two

turbo-charged diesel engines. The record time of three days, 10 hours, 40

minutes for the crossing from Ambrose Light, New York, to Bishop Rock lighthouse in the Isles of Scilly has been held by the SS United States since 1952 (Photograph: Spresh Karadia).

Satanists tell of bugged house

Derry Mainwaring Knight, the self-confessed satanist, told the committed Christians who had given him £200,000: his mistress, Angela Murdoch,
"I don't have horns sticking prayed and read the Bible out my head", a court was told

He wrote a letter to all the donors after he had been arrested and questioned by the police but released without

being charged.

Mr Knight said the satanists had told him the police had bugged his house in Dormans Land, Surrey. But he told them triumphantly that he had known the police's move-

nearly every trade and

He said he had accepted Jesus Christ as his saviour in 1984 "and I meant it". He and The letter was read out by

Mr Michael Corkery, QC, for the prosecution, at Maidstone Crown Court where Mr Knight, aged 46, denies 19 charges of obtaining £203,850 by deception. He claims that he needed the money to huy satanic insignia to free himself from the devil.

The letter was received by Mr Gordoo Scutt, of South Warnborough, Hampshire, an adviser to a religious trust that

Councils Hospital blamed for 'should not deliver danger babies' to arts

By David Hewson

Arts Correspondent The Arts Council accused Merseyside and Islington. London, yesterday of placing the arts in their areas in copardy through a "policy of non-co-operation" over fund-

District and city councils in Liverpool and the London borough of Islington had failed to offer a reasonable share of income to make up for the abolition of the Metropolitan authoriues. Mr Luke Rittner, the council's secretary general, said yesterday.

they did not have a responsi-

bility to make up the deficit

caused by abolition, Mr Rittner said.

The Arts Council was will-

ing to supply £1 million of the

£1.6 million needed on Merseyside, but local authori-

ties had offered only £100,000

for the arts so far, from one

In Islington, the borough has offered to support only

four local groups, at a cost of

£130,000. against the Arts Council's £275,000. leaving a

gap of between £300,000 and £400,000. The Almeida, which

says it needs £250,000 a year.

has been offered nothing by

the local authority.

chapel site.
"It is very difficult for me to The financial problems which could follow abolition understand an obstetrics hospital which does not have an anaesthetist. We have a 'livein April now threaten the future of Islington's Almeida in' one who is always around". Theatre and Liverpool's Everyman and Playhouse theaires. Merseyside and Islington councils felt that

she said.

"If you cannot do a Caesar-ean within 10 or 15 minutes then you should not be deliv-

The London Hospital ma-ternity unit at Mile End should have been closed, a

consultant obstetrician yester-

day told the inquiry into allegations of incompetence

Mrs Marion Hall, senior consultant in obstetrics and

gynaecology at the Aberdeen Maternity Hospital, made her comments after being told that

it could take up to an bour to arrange for a Caesarean deliv-ery at Mile End because of the

need to get an anaesthetist from the hospital's White-

against Mrs Wendy Savage.

ering babies."
Mr John Hendy, counsel for Mrs Savage, told the inquiry that Mrs Savage had once performed a Caesarean within 12 minutes, and that during the day three operating theatres were in use at Mile End

with anaesthetists on site. Mr Ian Kennedy, counsel for the London borough of Tower Hamlets, has suggested to the inquiry that extra caution was needed in practis-ing obstetrics at Mile End because of the delays that could occur in arranging emergency Caesarean deliveries. Mrs Hall said the degree of attention paid by Mrs Savage to Mrs A.U., a Bengali woman

Talks were continuing with Merseyside and Islington in whose baby died eight days after a 12-hour labour, was the hope of increasing the sums available. "perfectly proper".

Mrs Hall denied she was The Arts Council has writbeing "partisan" or attempting to "excuse the ten to all its clients affected by abolition, saying that it will

inexcusable" in her comments guarantee not to cut their on Mrs Savage's handling of the case, which other obstetrigrants this year. cians have described as Narrow miss "hizarre" and incomprehensible".

She said she had been impressed by the quality of Mrs Savage's recordings. But she admitted "surprise" at Mrs Savage's admission that she had not read the notes fully during Mrs A.U.'s progress during labour, and had missed a note saying that fresh, thick meconium had been found some hours earlier, a sign that the baby was

for Princess Princess Anne had a narrow

miss yesterday when a ceiling collapsed only eight feet from where she was eating. The Princess was with other diners at a buffet lunch at the Royal Bath and West showground, Shepton Mallet, Somerset. Lord Margadale, a former Lord Lieutenant of Wiltshire, who was directly noderneath escaped unhurt. The meal

Singer to pay costs of action

agreed yesterday to pay the legal costs of the late Dick James, his adversary in last year's multimillion pound High Court royalties case.

Mr James died two months after a judge ruled that his-organization, Dick James Music, had deliberately underpaid royalties to Mr John and his partner, Bernie Taupin. A further High Court hear-

ing began yesterday to consider exactly how much is due to the pair, and how legal and other costs should be met.

as the most significant indica-

tion yet that countries are

prepared to co-operate in the

fight against drugs worldwide.

The move was welcomed yesterday by Mr David Mellor, Parliamentary Under-

Secretary of State at the Home

Office and chairman of the

interdepartmental group on

the misuse of drugs.

He said that Britain was

already taking action of the

type suggested for inclusion in

the convention. The Drug Trafficking Offences Bill would provide for the confis-

Jail for raider

The hearing is expected to take several days.

Colour complaint by juror

The trial of a man accused of the murder of seven-yearold Leonie Darnley was delayed at the Central Criminal Court yesterday after a black woman juror complained about the words "coloured" and "negroid" to describe the dead girl.

Mr Justice Pain said he had received a note from the juror. one of a panel of eight women, one of them black, and four men, complaining

The juror wanted the word 'coloured" changed to "black" and the word "negroid," used to describe her hair altered to" Afro-Caribbean".

The convention will include

measures to improve co-oper-

ation between national law

enforcement agencies. One

aim will be the development of techniques whereby entire

Another object is to im-

The development of the

prove international judicial

co-operation, particularly on

fight agaiost drugs will be the

main item at a world confer-ence of ministers being called by the UN Secretary General

drugs rings can be caught.

evidence requirements.

UN convention to

unite drugs fight

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

extraditioo arrangements are allow the negotiation of bilat-

to be included in a draft
United Nations convention,
to be drawn up by August 15.
The convention is regarded
The convention will include

The seizure of drug cation of the assets of convicttraffickers' assets and easier ed drug traffickers and would prosecution, that it was "scientifically acceptable" for the girl's hair to be described as Afro-Caribbean. The court heard earlier that detectives discovered a ginger hair tangled in Leonie's and

three similar bairs were found.

Miss Goddard claimed that

Army sex

jail terms

reduced

Two paratroopers, given terms of imprisonment, with

four others, for indecency

against a woman soldier, who

had accused them of gang rape, won big cuts in their sentences in the Court of

Appeal yesterday.

Lord Justice Watkins said the victim was "dissolute and

The most serious sentence

that should have been im-

posed on the six soldiers formerly based at Bulford

Wiltshire, who received jail sentences of from six months

to 18 months for indecent

Private Michael Thoroughgood, aged 23, jailed

for 18 months by Winehester Crown Court on December 17, had his jail term cut to six

months. A six-month sentence

imposed upon Lance-Corporal Martin Bannister, aged 23,

was halved to three months.

Their four imprisoned col-leagues in the 1st Battalion,

The Parachute Regiment, who

were not before the court

yesterday, will be told the court's decision and that they should lodge notice of appeal. All eight had been acquitted

of raping the victim, a private in the Women's Royal Army

Corps, based at Larkhill, Will

shire, and two other para-troopers had been fined for

indecent assault.
Lord Justice Watkins, sit-

ting with Mr Justice Garland and Mr Justice Ognall, said the jury would have none of

alleged only minutes.

assault, was six months.

sexually depraved".

Ann Goddard, QC, for the

on a blanket near her body. Patrick Reilly, a 24-year-old labourer, of Anson Road, Tufnell Park, north London, has pleaded not guilty to murdering Leonie in July

the ginger body hairs found with the dead girl were microscopically similar to hairs taken from Mr Reilly, She said The judge said there was oo objection to the child being called black because that was that fibres from his jacket were also similar to fibres:

found on the dead girl's dress. Leonie was found dead in the dirty rubbish-strewn base-ment of Atkinson House, a black of flats in Austin Road. Battersea, where she had lived with her mother, Denise Carberry, aged 24, and a young Leonie's throat was cut and

her naked body mutilated in a "sexually motivated murder". The dead girl's father, Mi Sylvan Darnley, said he joined in a search for his daughter He heard a wnman scream-

The trial continues:

ing and saw a woman kneeling and holding a torch. "I knew that they had found my ... In one edition of The Times. yesterday the dead girl's name was incorrectly reported.

ments for weeks. "Satanists live and work in .

provided Mr Knight with distressed. The hearing contiones tothousands of pounds. The trial continues today. went ahead after the danger area was cleared.

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who caused victim's death A burgiar who specialized in raiding pensioners' bornes was

jailed for seven years yesterday for causing the death of a A jury at the Central Criminal Court found John O'Shea.

aged 30. guilty of the man-slaughter of Mr Joseph Romain, aged 79, a retired car penter. of Hanbury Street, Whitechapel, east London. As O'Sbea battered down the front door of his home, Mr Romain tried to escape using

his death. O'Sbea. of Manchester Road Isle of Dogs, when told of Mr Romain's escape, said: "He must have been crazy. wouldn't have hurt him."

bed sheets as a rope, but fell

suffering injuries which led to

Compensation for teacher's poor love life A teacher whose sex life was

siderably her sexual the jury would have none of enjoyment". Deputy Judge the victim's allegations of rape, and the actual indecency alleged only miguals.

Mrs Ridgeway-Browne was a teacher at Wildridings. Infants' School, Netherton, happened six years ago. She had to retire from teaching in 1983 on medical grounds.

putting children's paintings on a classroom wall, was awarded £26,198 damages at the High Court in Loudon yesterday.

affected by an elbow injury after she fell off a chair while

Mrs Myra Ridgeway-Browne, aged 53, of Wiltshire Road, Wokingham, Berkshire, had said that the pain she experienced "had reduced con-

Bracknell, when the accident

The soldiers, the judge said, were fine men and good soldiers who had thrown away their careers for activity, albeit disgusting, that lasted for only

BL loses monopoly claim on parts

its cars.

The Law Lords unaoimousby "indirect" copying of the BL drawing but by "indirect" copying of the a manufacturer the right, in part, had resisted the effect, to dietate the terms on which an article sold by him is to be kept in repair.

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whose products frequently require replacement parts. BL had claimed, as owner of protect the share of the multi-the copyright from which million pound vehicle spares Scarman. Lord Edmund Davarious spare parts are made. market held by its Unipart to be entitled to prevent other division. manufacturers making and

without licence.

Armstrong, whose exhausts are made not by "direct" Lord Templeman said.

"I see no reason to confer on a solution of the RI drawing but company's claim that it must pay BL a royalty.

ly could be claimed by other

But the "exploitation of the appeal.

BL has lost its claim to a selling copies of its spares copyright law" for purposes for which it was never intend-

Lord Templeman said that in practice. BL was claiming a monopoly. A similar monopole ing the exhaust which was not

vies and Lord Bridge of Harwich agreed in allowing

on future of BL companies

sition, wanted British Leyland to be a permanent pensioner on during Commons questions. And she added: We do not

After Mr kinnock had complained that the Prime Minister was not serious about compet-Thatcher told him that if he had such faith that others wanted to assets of British trades unions itive sendering for BL. Mrs bid, many many pension funds are less than £500 million and with enormous assets belonging the prospects of potting together to the trades unions could buy bids for purchase are nonsense. into the company.

The argument began when Mr Kinnock recalled that yes-terday the Prime Minister said she liked an upsurge of patri-otism but accompanied by ac-

Is her idea of action or patriotism the asked) selling off assets built up by the contribu-tions of the British people? They have put up. Does she really think they ought to shut up? Mrs Thatcher replied that by Tuesday there would be some indication of the numbers of people who wished to go ahead with bids and of the amounts. One cannot say any more (she said) until all these bids are in

and then thoroughly discussed Mr Kinnock: Next Tuesday is the deadline. Does not that turn all her claims yesterday, and those of all previous days that bids built up in an offer for enormous assets.

for which there is a deadline? Does that not make all her An accusation that Mr Neil show that she was never serious Kinnock, Leader of the Oppo- about competitive tendering

Mrs Thatcher: No, he is the pockets of his constituents talking nonsense. Those in-was made by Mrs Margaret terested in making a genuine bid Thateher, the Prime Minister, - and the trades unions could and the trades unions could bave done the same thing -could have got the same information from the Department of Trade and Industry or through British Leyland.



Kinnock: Why flog it off to foreigners?

When the British people have paid for a high tech company and many companies are turning into profit, why does she It was then that Mrs Thatcher

Pledge that yard will stay British

VICKERS

COC

There were calls for a statement to be made to both Houses of Parliament after Lord Lucas of Chilworth. Under Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, said during question time in the House of Lords that he could give an assurance that the Vickers shipyard at Barrow-in-Furness would not fall into foreign hands.

After he had told Lord Carver (Ind) he could give this assur-ance, a number of peers asked how he could give this guarantee when bids were still being

Lord Cledwyn of Peurhos, Leader of the Opposition peers asked: Would be elarify that? Is he saying clearly that there will be no purchasers other than British purchasers? Lord Lucas of Chilworth: I did not say that and that was not the

question addressed to me. I gave an assurance the yard would not fall into foreign hands.
Lord Diamond (SDP): By what

the yard is one of the defence contractors and there are implications for defence issues and national security, the Govern-ment, through the Ministry of Defence, has assured itself that the yard will not fall into foreign ownership.

When the bids are assessed in the light of skill, finance and commercial attributes of the bidder, some may be dis-regarded because that criterion will not be met.

Lord Bruce of Donington (Lab): We cannot Jeave it at that. This is a matter which is in the bidding stage. He really does not know exactly how the Government is going to maintain British interest in the matter so why does he not say so?

Lord Lucas of Chilworth: I do know and I have given an assurance that the point will be taken regard of.

Lord Cledwyn: In view of the considerable uncertainty on the issue, will he ask the Secretary of Lord Diamond (SDP): By what State for Trade and Industry method can he control that (Mr Paul Channon) to make a assurance? Does he mean there statement in the House of will be no foreign shareholders. Commons which can be re-or only a number below a peated here so that we may

Britain to press EEC on sex discrimination

HOUSE OF LORDS

The Government was unhappy at the effect removal of sex discrimination legislation would have for small businesses and would be pressing the European Commission to re-think the provision. Lord Young of Graffhams. Secretary of State for Employment, said when he for Employment, said when he the Sex Discrimination Bill.

reading in the House of Lords of

mean the Government accepted sex discrimination as desirable. It should be possible to recruit whoever was best for a post, irrespective of sex.

But he could not believe that the law with all its complexities designed to meet the situation of larger employers offered the best way of securing sex equality in

We accept the requirement as good members of the Commu-Removal of the exemption for nity (he said) but we would wish small firms had been hard for the Community to consider the the Government to accept. he serious conflict between this and said, because it had been dethe other burdens resulting from signed to free such businesses Community directives.

Leaders clash | Law on retirement age may have to be changed

COURT RULING

In the light of yesterday's judgment of the European Court of Justice in the Marshall case the Government will consider urgently whether any amendments should be made to its Sex Discrimination Act to clarify the law and comply with a directive accepted by the United Kingdom in 1976, Mr Kenneth Clarke, Paymaster General,

I should make it clear (he added) that the directive and the judgment have no application to the determination of the qualifying age for state retirement pension purposes as this is expressly excepted by another European

Mr John Prescott, ebief

Opposition spokesmao oo employment, said that since the ruling applied only to the the European court of human public sector would the rights. minister make whatever changes he had in mind equally applicable to the private sector. Will he also make it clear (he went on) that it applies to those public sector industries at sion. He asked the Government present being privatized with to help the 1.7 million women legislation before the House workers who were not entitled today so that none of those to a pension at 60 because of the

opportunity to harmonize public sector practices. This was a time for radical reassessment of the common pension age itself, as recommended by the Commons social services committee as a contribution to reducing mass unemployment which once again had reached record levels. The House would welcome action in this area in preference to fiddling the unemployment figures which the Government spent so much

time doing. Mr Clarke: We believed before the judgment that we were complying with this directive which was accepted by the Labour government and the legislation they passed which they thought complied with it. On public sector practices, the position is that employment policies of this kind and the

Times ban

smacks of

censorship

print workers have beld a ballot

and voted seven to one in favour of industrial action, why

is the Government not support-

ing them? Mrs Thatcher said it was a year

since the miners' strike ended, a strike which the Opposition supported through bitter cold weather. It was for the people

Miss Maynard had referred to—
the print workers — to make
their own choice in a ballot and
take the reasonable con-

sequences that flowed from the choice they had freely made.

Praise for

export order

Mrs Thatcher congratulated British Aerospace on winning an excellent order from Saudi Ara-

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THE PRESS

tions on the social security greeo paper nobody was able to solve public sector employers, not all health authorities, have the the extremely difficult problems

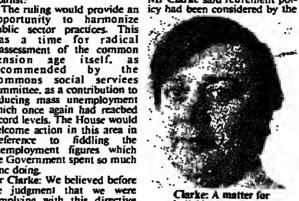
The ruling made it clear that any single solution. any policy an employer had should not discriminate between men and women. The the Select Committee proposed requirement to retire at a certain age should be the same towards a flexible retirement age Sir Edward Gardner (Fylde, C):

More and more people in this Mr Clarke replied that the country are becoming fed up by judgment of the European Court country are becoming fed up by having critical domestic prob-lems which affect a vast oumber age for a state pension in of people and touch the pockets of every taxpayer decided in the European Court. (Conservative cheers) Has not the time come when the European Convention on Human Rights should be Mr Clarke said he rather welincorporated in domestic law so those cases can be decided by British judges in British courts? Mr Clarke said he knew these feelings existed but this was the

Mr Richard Wainwright (Coine Valley, L) said the judgment came as no surprise to those who paid attention to the British Equal Opportunities Commislegislation before the riouse workers who want for the today so that none of those to a pension at 60 because of the workers are discriminated age of their husbands.

Mr Clarke said retirement polytical age of the said retirement polytical age.

European court of justice not



individual employers

Commons and put forward in a green paper. Mr Robert McCrindle (Brentwood and Ongar, C) said many occupational schemes wen moving to an early and common question whether employees retirement date, He suggested a Commons (9.30): Debate on will be required to retire common retirement age of 621/2. business sponsorship of arts.

involved or had come up with

hampton North East, Lab) said

so why did it not include this in the Social Security Bill? had no bearing on the qualifying

Mrs Edwina Carrie (South Derbyshire. C) said retirement did not necessarily mean a

comed this judgment in some ways and he thought feelings about an arbitrary age for retire-ment in Britain was growing. There was no state retirement age in Britain; it was decided between employers and employ-. There was a qualifying age for entitlement to a state pen-

Ms Harriet Harman (Peckham Lab) asked for action to be taken understood by those responsible for retirement in the public sector at a local level. Mr Clarke said he expected most public sector employers to

be reviewing their policies. William Clarke (Croydon South, C) asked what was the cost of a common retirement age of 60 or the saving from a common retirement age of 65.

Mr Clarke replied that those who believed the problems could simply be solved by a common retirement age of 60 ignored the horrendous costs

Mr Toby Jessel (Twickenham. C): Can Mr Clarke tell me how this judgment is likely to affect one of my constituents who in 1972 at the age of 46 claimed to have changed from being a man to a woman? (Prolonged laugh-

Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill): This is an important, technical point. Mr Clarke said this would be a decision for the Secretary of State for Social Services.

Parliament today

Timetable for all Bills opposed

PROCEDURE

the House, said ne commend the automatic timetabling of Government be crucial in political in po The banning of newspapers was both small-minded and smacked of censorship, Mrs. Thatcher, the Prime Minister, said in the Commons when the banning of The Times from public libraries and educational establishments in Derby was Mr Peter Rost (Erewash, C) said

Mr John Biffen, the Leader of

The Times had been banned by Derbyshire County Council because of the dispute at Wapping. This was the latest example of the unacceptable face of social-Miss Joan Maynard (Sheffield, Brightside, Labi: In view of the Government's insistence that the miners should hold a ballot note of the committee's recommendations, approved in prin-ciple the holding of an experimental implementation. during their recent industrial action, now that the Fleet Succe

during the next session of Parliament, of the recommendations on the timetabling of Government bills and on the time of rising of standing committees (a limit of 10 pm). Mr Biffen said the committee's major recommendation, on timetabling, was a radical pro-posal and had provoked considerable response. It bad recommended that a legislative business committee should decide whether a Bill was tikely to take more than 25 hours in committee and would propose a timetable in standing commit-

the committee that legislation should be as fully and carefully considered as possible. The committee also believed that committee asso cenevou that extensive and automatic timetabling would benefit Gov-ernment backbenchers, Westminster's silent and unsung controversially, that time and its use for delay was oot a particupotent factor. He did not see that evidence for this could

debate on Commons procedure, would have a Government including timetabling shorter majority. On balance he thought speeches and applications for the Government would be emergency debates. An all-party advantaged by the committee's amendment to the proposals. Every government was tomorrow's possible oppo-sition. He asked Conservative MPs, in their moments of supreme confidence, to consider at least theoretically how these proposals would bear on an

Next week

Thatcher rejects tribunal on JMB

THE CITY

Dr David Owen, Leader of the SDP, called on the Prime Minster during question time in the Commons to set up a tribunal of inquiry into the banking and gold bullion business of Johnson Matthey Bankers in the light of developments earlier today. He asked: Is she aware that the Customs and Excise have today raided around 30 headquarters of JMB? Is she further aware there have been 12 arrests and the Customs and as £7.25 million of gold bullion which it appears may have been smuggled into this country, and that the Bank of England has confirmed that JMB are cooperating with the Customs and

In view of the fact that the Prime Minister on August 2 refused my request to set up a tribunal of inquiry on the very ssue of the unsoul re are some £185 million

of this country's money in JMB.
The Governor of the Bank of
England has repeatedly said that
the banking and bullion business of JMB is sound. Will she now set up a tribunal of inquiry?

Mrs Thatcher replied: No. I Mrs Thatcher replied: No. I understand that Customs officers visited a number of premises today, including Johnson Matthey. They visited those premises this morning in the course of investigating into possible VAT irregularities involving gold. JMB bave issued a following the responsibilities laid on them by statute and such

fully applied for an emergency debate on JMB's transactions in the gold bullion market and the refusal of the Prime Minister to establish a public tribunal of inquiry into the matter. He said the House had at-

cases are not referred to min-

territted to discuss Johnson Matthey since October 1984 and there had never been a single specific debate on the issue.

There were many implica-tions. It involved the Prime Minister because of her refusal on August 2 to set up an inquiry. It involved the Chancellor of the Exchequer (Mr Nigel Lawson) because of his repeated assurances about the Governor of the Bank of England's claim that the bullion trading of JMB was sound. And it involved the udgement of the Governor of the Bank of England. There was £175 million worth

of public money at risk because of the Governor's decision to go n and rescue Johnson Matthey and because of the overnment's acceptance that this money should not only be increased but maintained.

It was therefore a matter which would have to come before the House. The matter was urgent because today they had seen JMB headquarters raided by the Customs and Excise under a warrant in order to look at the transactions in the gold bullion market. About 30 my had been similarly raided to

see what had been happening. There had been 12 arrests none of them involving JMB personnel, and the Customs and Excise believed that something ike £7.25 million of gold bulbon might have been smuggled into the country since April 1985 up to II days ago.

The issue went wider. There was reason to believe this smuggling of gold and the purchase of this gold at below market prices by Johnson Matthey had been continuing for some considerable period of time. It was on this issue of the bullion market of JMB he had been probing the Government, the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Prime Minister for such a long time.

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill), in refusing the application for an emergency debate, said he did not in any way underestimate the im-portance of the matter and be was bearing in mind the earlier

King warning to unionists on proposed strike

ULSTER

The threat to the union between Northern Ireland and Great Britain came from those who most claimed to espouse it by embarking on a course in direct collision with the views of this sovereign and imperial Parliament of the United Kingdom. Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, said when questioned in the Commons on the threatened strike in the Province on Monday.

He was replying to Mr Merlyn Rees (Leeds South and Morley. Lab), a former Sec-retary of State for Northern Ireland, who said: There is no way that the north can be put into the south of Ireland against the wishes of the majority. It is equally true that the union between Great Britain and Northern Ireland can be broken by the unionists and there is a great danger this might happen

Mr King said it was most unsatisfactory that those who called for support of the security forces then put a very real additional straio oo them.

I very much hope (he added) that all those who bave chosen and announced embarkation on this policy will, even at this late bour, think again. It will be in the interests of nobody in the Province. The only certain ontcome of

Monday's strike will he to damage jobs in the Province which desperately needs jobs, he It was in the House of

Commons that matters such as the future of Northern Ireland should be discussed and argued. A policy of abstention and unwillingness even to debate and argue was not a policy of strength but one of weakness and disaster.

Sir John Farr (Harborough, C) asked earlier for an assurance that the security forces were fully prepared for the strike on Monday and ready to cope with any eventuality. Has the time come (be went on) to at least place the Anglo-Irish agreement in cold storage until such time as a round table conference takes

Mr King: I very much regret any suggestion that there should be a strike on Monday. The RUC will be anxious to take every necessary step for the protection of law and order to enable law abiding citizens to go about their business. That is a matter for them. In making a statement about law and order I very much regret that they should be dis-tracted from their important work of fighting against terrorism to have to cope with the problems Monday may bring. Mr Harvey Proctor (Billericay, C): Will be confirm that in the months before the Anglo-Irish agreement the oumber of soldiers was reduced and that since the agreement the number has increased? Could be speculate how many more soldiers will need to be committed to Northern Ireland as a result of the

to draw is false. The reason for the increase in forces numbers is because of increased terrorism. which bears out clearly my statement that this agreement threatens only the terrorists. They recognize that, and are determined to take extra measures in every way they can to seek to defeat it. They have launched a series of nasty attacks for the destruction of police stations and we have taken the necessary measures

for their restoration, which has required extra forces. I bope everyone here will be determined to stand with us and say that if those forces are required for the protection of law-abiding citizens and the defeat of terrorism they will be

provided

Mr Martin Flamery (Sheffield, Hillsborough, Lab) said the two main Unionist leaders had main Unionist leaders had virtually abdicated any political responsibility and that was bound to create difficulties next Monday. The likelihood was that the hard men would take over. Would Mr King ensure the widest mobilization of

work could do so without parricades and thugs preventing them as happened

Mr King said the threatened strike was likely only to divert the Royal Ulster Constabulary policing the Province. It was up to the police to make decisions in the circumstances likely next Monday.

Sir John Biggs-Davison (Epping Forest. C) said the agreement was aptly described in The Times today as a constitutional monstrosity. The consequences were predictable and had been predicted from the Conservative backbenches was desirable that next Monday nothing should be said or done or not done that would endanger the security of jobs particularly at Harland and

Later, during Prime Minister's questions, Mrs Thatcher said: I wish to make it clear that should the strike go ahead on Monday the action will not deflect the Government from its determination to im-plement the Anglo-Irish agreement which has the support of the overwhelming majority of both Houses of Parliament of the United Kingdom.

She was replying to Mr David Winnick (Walsall North, Lab) who asked her to reaffirm that the agreement would stand, regardless of what happened on Monday and that no amoum of violence, intimidation or paramilitary force would change the mind of the large majority of British people who were in favour of the agreement. If the power-sharing agreement had not been destroyed 12 months ago by the Unionists, he said. there would have been no need for this agreement.

Mr Jeremy Hayes (Harlow, C): Monday's madness is not going to do anything to help cross-border security. Will he make it clear to those people who are seeking to set themselves up as the Afrikaaners of Uister that he and this House are not going to be ballied into suspending or be builied into suspending or scrapping the Anglo-Irish agree-

Mr Seems Mellon (Newsy and Armargh, SDLP): There are unionists in Northern Ireland who are out in favour of the socalled strike, who are in favour of the Anglo-Irish agreement and who are not prepared to follow in the footsteps of the abominable no men on Monwill he confirm there is a very

sizeable section of the popula tion in Northern Ireland who are not Unionists and who are



King: Strike will only

very firmly in favour of the

Mr King: Certainly it is true there is significant support. significant support, certainly in the minority community, for the Anglo-Irish agreement. There are many more - an increasing number - of responsible Unionists who are now beginning to realize some of the benefits that can flow, not least in the movement of voters violence to the constitutional nationalist approach. That is something of long-lasting benefit to everybody in the Province.

Later, Dr Rhodes Bo Minister of State for Northern Ireland, said there was no doubt strike on Monday in Northern Ireland it would have serious industrial repurcussions



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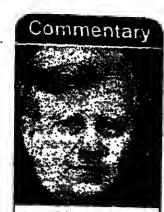
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Geoffrey Smith

Sir Geoffrey Howe is the best political map reader in the forget this because he is not the most inspiring conference orator, nor someone for whom we would always wish to switch channels on television. But he usually sees the terrain shead more clearly than his colleagues.

This makes bis occasional analyses of the political scene especially interesting. The speech which he delivered to the Conservative Association at the London School of Economics on Wednesday could not have come at a better time because this is a period of particular anxiety and confusion among Conservatives.

Ought they to be preparing for the end of the Thatcher era? Should they be aiming to change their style but keep their leader? Or should they simply concentrate on not being blown off course by a few unfavourable gusts of wind?

The fundamental question for them is how much of the Thatcherite revolution has become, or could be made, part of the accepted thinking of this country. The trade union legislation certainly has. So has the sale of conneil bouses and, to a lesser extent, the privatization of industry. We are grateful for the decline in inflation when we bother to think about it. But perhaps the most important change has been the least tangible; a much greater sense of economic realism in public discussion.

Britain may still not be an economically efficient country. but at least it is now much easier to make the case for competitive efficiency. All this mounts to no more than limited progress towards Mrs Thatcher's goals. There are, however, a good many Conservatives today who believe that it is time to panse, either to solidate or to modify the hstance of her policies....

Sir Geoffrey is not one of them. His speech was not one of those coded signals of dissent. He wants to press ahead with the strategy which be associates not just with Mrs Thatcher, but also with Mr Heath's government and with the first Bow Group generation, of which he was a

Thatcher changes raise questions

Yet in drawing attention to the continuity of Mrs. Thatcher's ideas within the Conservative Party. Sir Geoffrey was illustrating a critical distinction between the two of them; their capacity to speak differently about doing the

In her actions. Mrs Thatcher has been performing the traditional Tory function of correcting the balance. The peodulum having swung too far in the direction of the previously fashionable orthodoxy of collectivism, she has been striving valiantly to pull it back a bit more towards the middle. But she speaks as if she is building a new Jerusalem. In order to do something realistic she often seems to find it necessary to sound

Perhaps it has been neces-sary. There are some things that cannot be accomplished by being, still less by appearing, reasonable. But perhaps it is also that she is naturally pugnacions. She gives the impression of enjoying a fight, almost as if she sometimes regrets finding herself with someone who agrees with her, because that denies her one of the pleasures of life.

Sir Geoffrey, on the other band, seems to sense the current public taste for "a moderate, more consensual form of Conservatism". He scorns the idea that this preference could be met by the Alliance. "Moderation with-Altance. "Moderation without conviction", he believes,
"is not enough". That is a
telling way of pointing to the
public uncertainty as to what
the Alliance stands for, as
distinct from what it is against.

But can the Conservatives make the country feel more comfortable with the present strategy? I do not believe that the Conservative Party wants a sharp change of direction and I am not persuaded that public opinion requires it. But there is a limit to how much real this country is prepared to tolerate in its governors. The critical test for the Governmeot now is whether it can make the same broad approach seem not so much reels died last November, aged 80.

Inquiry says riots have made Handsworth community worse off

The Silverman recommendations

More funds needed for young single-person flats because of the many houseless youths in the area.

More say for people in the running of their community and the expansion of community programmes in Handsworth.

At least five more Afro-Caribbean teachers needed in

More playgroups wanted for young children, so they can learn English before they go to school.
More youth clubs and teenagers' leisure facilities.
More money to finance jobs in the area by pumping cash into the repair of buildings and services.

• The Government should put more money into the inner city

partnership scheme in Handsworth and a government grant should be introduced for inner city areas with special

New police training schemes should be started an lice station built in Thornhill Road, in Handsworth.

last September achieved nothing for themselves or their community, according to an independent inquiry.

Their rampage, which included looting and burning shops, had driven away des-perately needed jobs and wid-

ened the existing gulf of hostility Mr Julius Silverman, the former Birminghman MP

Rioters in the Birmingham the city council, said in his had found that insurance for inner city area of Handsworth report published yesterday, their properties and bank their properties and bank report published yesterday. Everyone is now worse off loans to promote business and Two Asian brothers died in jobs were even more difficult to get. He disagreed with the view Dear, Chief their petrol-bombed post of-fice in Lozells Road, the scene

of the worst rioting on the night of September 9, and 79 of Mr Geoffrey Dear, Chief Constable of the West Midpolice officers, eight firemen lands, that the riots were and 35 others were injured. orchestrated by drug "barons" Dozens of shops were de-He said racial discriminastroyed or looted and damage was estimated at £16 million. Traders and manufacturers, tion and the feeling of being discriminated against were part of the alienation felt by who conducted the inquiry for 'Mr Silverman's report said, ethnic communities and were

of the riots. More police should be employed in the West Midlands area, The causes of the riots were increasing the force's present establishment of 6,684 officers.

• Policemen should be riot-shield trained in small groups so complex. But mass unemployment was a central theme that they can be quickly mebilized and able to protect themselves in riots. which many of the problems flowed.

The important matter for the future was the evidence of social conditions, the mass of hostility, frustration and po-tential violence.

Referring to the chief constable's view that plastic bullets would have been effec-tive and justified on the night of the riot. Mr Silverman said he could not see at what stage they could have been profit ably used.

City of Birmingham Indepen dent inquiry into the Handsworth Disturbances.



yesterday in the heated greenhouse at the McBeans orchid nursery in Cooksbridge, Sussex, preparing orders for Mothering Sunday on March 9. Countries that he exports orchids to include India and Japan, where they grow naturally (Photograph: John Voos).

Pesticide danger increases for young

By Richard Evans Lobby Reporter

More young children are eating dangerous pesticides left around homes, the Commons agriculture select committee was told yesterday.

But in spite of the trend, Britain is yet to follow the example set by some countries vhich insist on home and gardeo pesticides being sold in child-resistant packages.

The vulnerability of young children is confirmed by De partment of Health and Social Security estimates for hospital discharges after treatment for esticide poisoning.

They show that between 1970 and 1982, of the 10,990 patients 6,750 were children under four years old.

The Ministry of Agriculture told MPs that a random survey had shown that, of 93 people treated io 20 hospitals. the vast majority of the casualties were aged five years or under and were reported to have consumed pesticides".

MPs heard that rat-killing products, frequently laid io places easy for children to reach, were a particular "favourite".

"It is reasonable to conclude that acute poisonings from pesticides are at relatively low levels and stable.

IBM leads computer business

By Bill Johnstone

plying nearly three quarters of the microcomputers sold to British business, with IBM

The details are outlined in the annual review of the industry by Romtec, the business "analyst. A total of 224,000 business microcom puters were sold in Britain last year, according to the review representing a growth of 24 per cent oo the previous year. However, the competitive ness of the market has meant that some dealers and suppliers have dropped out.

In 1984, there were eight manufacturers supplying 70 per cent of the microcomputers. A year later 74 per cent were supplied by five.

The growth in the United Kingdom last year brought the total value of sales to £630 million but, according to the study, business was reluctant to purchase computers in April; principally because of the boom in purchases before the end of the financial year in March.

But fierce price cutting by IBM cusured that the company's market share nearly doubled, while Olivetti became the leading supplier of IBM-compatible microcomputers.

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Company wins libel damages

House of Sethia, the holding company of the Sethia commodity, insurance and shipping group, accepted "substantial" libel damages at the High Court in London yesterday over an allegation in the Financial Weekly that it was involved in the collapse of Johnson Matthey Bankers.

Mr Patrick Moloney, for Sethia, said the magazine's editor, Mr Tom Lloyd, its City Editor, Mr Mihir Bose, and its publisher, British Printing and Communications Corporation, had accepted that the report was untrue.

Subpoena bar

Alex Herbage, aged 55, an international financier, wanted in America on \$46 million fraud charges, was refused permission yesterday by the High Court to subpoena nine witnesses when he seeks a writ of habeas corpus next week. He is in Pentonville Prison, London, awaiting extradition.

Constable find

An elderly Northumberland widow has been told that an oil painting, left to her by an uncle, is a Constable land-scape, "Farm Labourers Flaying", which could be worth £60,000 at sale next month.

Mitchell's will

Leslie Mitchell, the first announcer on BBC Television, left estate valued at £31,145 net. The actor and voice of the Movietone news-

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Today's employers are expected to provide private medical cover along with company cars and subsidised lunches. It's as though the concept of the caring society is moving more and more towards the Board Room. And that's probably not a bad thing.

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Pope plot prosecution asks for acquittal of three Bulgarians

The public prosecutor in the trial in Rome of eight men accused of conspiracy to murder the Pope called for the acquittal of all three Bulgarian defendants yesterday because of insufficient cyidence.

The prosecutor, Dr Anionio Marini, asked for life sentences against two of the five Turks accused. The first was Oral Celik, whom he regards as the accomplice of Mehmet Ali Agea, the Turk arrested after he had severely wounded the Pope in St Peter's Square on May 13, 1982,

Ali Agea is serving a life senience here for the attack. and vesterday the prosecutor sentence on the ground that he

The strike at Vaal Reefs,

South Africa's and the world's

second biggest gold mine.

ended yesterday. The Anglo

American Corporation, which

owns the mine, estimated that

the two-day stoppage had cost

6 million rand (£2 million) in

The ostensible cause of the

the Browning pistol with which he shot the Pope.

The second life sentence requested was for Musa Cerdar Celehi, head of an organization for Turkish immigrants in West Germany.

The prosecutor sought 24 years' imprisonment for the Turk Omer Bagei, Another Turk, Bekkir Celenk, an arms dealer based in Solia, died after the trial opened.

Only one of the three Bulgarian defendants. Sergei Antonov. is in Italian custody. held since November 1983 and at present under house arrest. The other two, former members of the embassy here, are in Bulgaria.

The prosecutor made it had illegally brought into haly clear that he was asking for Bulgarians.

Five held as gold mine strike ends

Four of the oine have been

released, and the other five,

charged with public violence,

were refused bail yesterday by a magistrate atStilfontein,

near Klerksdorp. The prosecu-

tor said it was likely the men

their acquittal because the case against them was incomplete, not because he thought they were innocent.

The defence will now put its case, which might take another two weeks. The judges will then consider their verdicts.

If the court accepts the prosecutor's requests, the case against the Bulgarians will in effect have failed, undermining the supposition that the Soviet secret police were behind the Bulgarians and had decreed the Pope's death.

The best the prosecutor could do with the evidence provided by the investigating judge was to leave the matter in doubt by not requesting an unqualified acquittal for the

torney-General of the Witwa-

tersrand Division has

announced here that a Dutch

national. Mr Klaas De Jonge, and his former wife. Mrs

Helenc Passtoors, a Belgian,

are to be prosecuted for trea-

son and terrorism.



An Iraniao mullah wears a gas mask near the captured Iraqi town of Fao while it comes under assault from the Iraqis.

Pensioner flies to face Treblinka trial

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Jerusalem

special flight from New York is due to land at Ben-Guriou airport this afternoon carrying a peosioner accused of the mass morder of thousands of Jews at the Treblinka death camp in Poland during 1942 and 1943.

He is Mr John Demjanjuk, aged 66, a Ukrainiao-born American resident since 1952, who is being extradited at Israel's request to stand trial for offences committed by a "gas chamber mechanic" at the camp whose horrifying behaviour earned the nickname Ivao the Terrible. Mr Demjanjuk has been

fighting the extradition since in Ramte. It was here that 1979, and denies categorically that he is Ivan the Terrible. The Soviet Union has also been seeking his extradition for war crimes, bot the US courts decided to send him to Israel, which first applied to

He is to fly handcoffed to a US marshall and the aircraft will be parked well away from the terminal building. Police will go on board, the American handcuffs will be taken off and Israeli ones locked on.

Waiting on the tarmac will be a specially hired Brink's-Mat armoured van, which will speed him five miles down the road to a top-security cell in Tower 10 of the Ayalon Prison

during his trial 25 years ago; since then modern technology has made the prison even more

Three closed-circuit television cameras have been instailed in the cell to monitor everything the accused man does and to try to ensure that he does not attempt to commit

He will have to make a first appearance before a court within 48 hours so that legal authority to hold him can be to take up to three months, but his American lawyers are seeking a delay of up to six

According to Dr Yitzhak Vashem Holocanst Memorial io Jerusalem, there are no more than about 10 survivors of Treblinka in Israel who might be able to give evidence. Yad Vasbem itself, however. has accumulated considerable documentary evidence about atrocities committed by Ivan

• NEW YORK: Meanwhile, members of Mr Demjanjuk's family including his wife, era, flew bere to see him. His danghter Lydia said he still had confidence in the United States that the truth was going to come out and was in good spirits (AP reports).

Another Israeli killed in Lebanon

Israeli corporal was killed in an ambush in South Lebanon on Wednesday evening and four of his patrol were wounded. The incident occurred at Jebel el Botm, about seven miles south east of Tyre, on the edge of what Israel calls its security zone (lan Murray

According to a militar spokesman the patrol was a regular one and had nothing to do with the search for two Israeli soldiers kidnapped in South Lebanon 10 days ago in another ambush less than 10 miles away from the latest incident. But he acknowledged that the search had raised the level of tension.

The funeral of the dead afternoon. Earlier in the day another military funeral was held for a corporal killed in the Sinai in 1968 and whose body has just been returned to Israel by Egypt as proof of its intention to continue negotia- ANKARA: Mr Yassır Arafat, the Palestine Liberation Organization chairman. said here yesterday that his year-long accord with Jordan was inject and that the PLO would settle for a peace safeguarding the right to selfdetermination of Palestinian people (Rasit

Gurdilek writest.

strike was the arrest of nine Kohl puts his case on Jews

From Frank Johnsoo

Chancellor Helmut Kohl of West Germany, took an opportunity yesterday to put into proportion - as he saw it - any anti-semitism which may still cvist in contemporary Germa-

Frau Hildegard Hamm-Brucher, aged 64, a backbench member of the Free Democrats, the liberal party which is part of Herr Kohl's centreright coalition, had taken the unusual step - supported by Social Democrats and Greens - of sponsoring a Bundestag debate on "anti-semitic tendencies" in the Federal Republic.

Herr Hermann Fellner, aged 35, an MP from the Bavarian Christian Social Union (CSU), the right-wing part of the coalition, apologized in Parliament last month for telling a newspaper Flick company to compensate surviving wartime slave labourers gave the impression that Jews acted quickly "when money tinkles in Germans

Shortly afterwards. Graf Wilderich von Spee - a descendant of the imperial vice-admiral after whom the Second World War pocket battleship was named - had to resign as mayor of Korschenbroich, a commuter 10wn near Düsseldorf.

He had said in a council finance debate that "a few rich Jews should be killed to balance the town budget. Yesterday Chancellor Kohl

reproached those who had forgotten or not understood the lessons of history". Al German democrats since Adenauer had agreed about those lessons, he added, "One must however keep matters in proportion. It is going absolutely too far to speak of a burgeon-

Herr Kohl said he wanted to defend himself personally against the charge of self-righteousness. He described as "torn from context" the quotation, often attributed to him. that in being very young during the Hitler period, he had had "the mercy of a late biπh".

The Greens, including some of their speakers in the thinlyattended debate, have said that such remarks were an attempt by Germans to minimize the horrors.

Herr Kohl. aged 55. said that what he had meant was that his generation had no guilt for the mass murders, but should have a sense of respon-

Basques

Basques now admit supporting the use of violence by E12. the armed separatist organization, according to an opinion poll conducted by the Basque

ago 8 per cent of Basques admitted backing such vio-

Meanwhile, Spain's constitutional court has thrown out on a technicality Supremem Court jail sentences imposed

Sahara deaths

Love decree

Peking (AFP) - A Shanghai student has been sentenced to death for the attempted stabbing to death of a girl who spurned bis love, according to a local newspaper.

Major Antony Marquee, one of those accused of plotting the abortive coup on November 12 against President Doe of Liberia. pleaded guilty to

Copenhagen (AFP) - Danish doctors are considering operating on a British heroin smuggler who swallowed contraceptive sheaths containing the drug, police said. He is suffering severe constipation.

Party charges

were missing after a boat carrying about 110 passengers capsized off the remote Indo-nesian island of Flores.

miners in connection with the would later be charged with

killing at Vaal Reefs on Febru-ary 18 of four senior black Treason charges: The At-

region government (Richard Wigg writes). In a similar poll five years

Algiers (AFP) - The Polisario Liberatioo Front has killed 56 Moroccan soldiers and wounded 30 in two attacks to mark ten years of the self-proclaimed Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic, it says.

Moorovia (AFP) - Former

Thirteen branch secretaries of Tanzania's ruling Chama Cha Mapinduzi party in northern Kilimanjaro have been dis-missed on charges of corruption and embezzling party

Jakarta (AP) - Rescuers found 17 bodies and 38 people

Correction The Holiday Inn company has no connection with hotels burnt during the Cairo mutiny.

Triple Pulitzer winner to be US poet laureate

Washington (AFP) — Rob-ert Peon Warren, wioner three times of the Pulltzer Prize for poetry and fiction, has been named the United States' first



Robert Penn Warren: salary will be \$35,000.

Warren, aged 80, witt as-October I for a one-year term, the Librarian of Congress, Mr Daoiel Boorstin, announced yesterday. He will receive a salary of \$35,000 (£23,300).

The post was established by Congress last year in an attempt to enhance the poblic recognition and prestige of American poets and their work. The new poet laureste will be available to write poetry for ceremonial and

Warren won a Pulitzer Prize for poetry in 1957, for his work Promises: Poems 1954-1956. and another in 1979 for Nov and Then: Poems 1976-1978.

He received the Pulitzer Prize for fiction in 1946 for his novel All the King's Men.

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Madrid - Only 2 per cent of

on a group of Basque MPs in 1983 for insulting King Juan Carlos in February 1981.

Guilty plea

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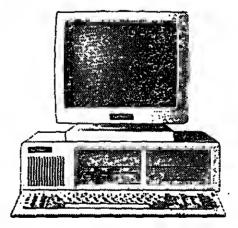
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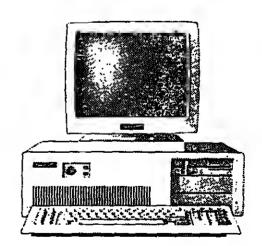
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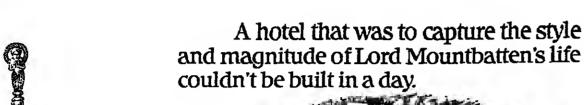






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Democrats prepare to sabotage Reagan's defence budget boost

Reagan's nationwide appeal a continuation of his defence build-up. Democrats there was no chance that Congress would agree to the 8 per cent increase of some \$311 billion at a time when the

President Reagan, in an said. attempt to go over the heads of Congress, said in a televi- ets - we know from painful sion address on Wednesday experience - respect only nadanger any chance of improv-



Mr Caspar Weinberger, US Defence Secretary, who faces a budget battle.

Congress is likely to voice ing relations with the Soviet Strong resistance to President Union.

American people are willing to pay for the necessary level of pay for the necessary level of defence. But they do not want He said American strength to pay for more defence than

the start of a new hitter battle

over defence spending. The White House urged him to

nation after polls revealed for

the first time declining public support for his defence build-

Mr Reagan insisted that

three times as many strategic

However, in a sign of the

changing mood on Capitol

Hill, the House of Representa-

Wednesday urging the Presi-

dent to resume negotiations

with the Russians for a com-

prehensive nuclear test ban

treaty and to seek ratification

of two treaties already limiting

such tests - the 1974 Thresh-

old Test Ban and the 1976

Peaceful Nuclear Explosion

tives passed a resolution on

was the most persuasive argument the US had to convince were saying yesterday that its adversaries to negotiate seriously and to cease bullying other nations. "Any slackening now would invite the very dangers America must avoid. domestic programme was be- and could fatally compromise take his case directly to the our negotiating position," he

"Our adversaries the Sovithat any cuts in Defence tions that negotiate from a position of strength." He add-threaten US security and enarbitrary cuts brought "phoney savings" and were not safe. There were still major imbalances between Soviet down at the bargaining table with the Soviet Union, let's and US forces. In the past 15 years the Russians had investnot throw America's trump ed \$500 billion more than US in defence and built nearly card away."

He called the plans to cut next year's Pentagon hudget by up to \$50 billion "reckless, dangerous and wrong," and said this was "backsliding of the most irresponsible kind". However. Mr Jim Wright, speaking for the Democrats

immediately after Mr Reagan's tough speech, said that his proposals to double military spending and cut taxes at the same time would add to the federal deficit. "We think the deficits

Treaty, which have been themselves pose a danger to signed by the US but our national security. The ratified by the Senate. signed by the US but not yet

Mr Robert Lund of rocket engineers Morton Thiokol answers the shuttle panel, which include astronaut Sally Ride (right).

Shuttle photographs back failed seals theory pictures displayed yesterday to the presidential commis-sion investigating the Challenger shuttle disaster added fresh evidence to the theory that seals in a booster rocket joint failed before the shuttle

exploded. The photographs, which seemed to surprise commissioners, showed more clearly than before a puff of black smoke from the right booster rocket at ignition, and an peared to come from a rocket

Officials from the company that built Challenger followed up the photographic testimony by revealing that they had

iold Nasa thai Challenger was unsafe to fly because of ice conditions on the gantry next

Cosmos comes down to earth

viet sprveillance satellite crashed to earth yesterday but scientists differed on whether the pieces landed in a thinlypopulated desert area of northrocket at ignition, and an era Anstralia ur in Canada engineer said the smoke ap- (our Foreign Staff writes). West German experts said

Department said it fell in the South Pacific. · No one could say how hig were the chunks that hit the the 10-tonne Cosmos 1714 Earth's surface.

crashed in Australia's North-

ern Territory. British scien-

to have ended up in Canada, hat the Canadian Defence

The colour photographs were being displayed to the commission to show ice conditions on the shuttle at liftoff. One of the commissioners whispered that the smoke appeared to be coming "right at the field joint. In previous pictures, the origin of the smoke was not clear.

tists said the dehris was likely "Engineers don't like to speculate, but based on our photos, and we've analyzed all the photos, we feel that's a leak (in the booster)." said Mr Charles Stevenson, a member of the Nasa ice inspection team at the launch nad

Evidence in Flick trial may be flawed

Bonn (Reuter) - The star piggest political corruption trial caused a courtroom sensation yesterday when he said some names on his supposed-ly mericulous list of Flick company cash recipients

could be wrong. Herr Rudolf Diehl, former chief book-keeper of the Flick conglomerate, was testifying for the first time at the bribery trial of former economics ministers Count Ono von Lambsdorff and Herr Hans Friderichs.

He stunned the packed court when he said that he had sometimes written names of politicians next to Flick donations in a secret list without actually knowing they took the

The "Diehl list" is a key piece of evidence for charges that Count you Lambsdorff and Herr Friderichs accepted massive bribes for their Free Democratic Party from Flick in return for arranging a tax break for the private compa-

According to Herr Diehl. the money came from a slushfund called "the black strong

Prosecutors allege that it was paid out to politicians by former Flick manager. Herr Eberhard von Brauchitsch, who is also on trial.

West reacts to Kremlin speech

Second thoughts on preconditions

By Nicholas Ashford, Diplomatic Correspondent

Gorbachov's address to the Soriet Communist Party congress on Tuesday, Western officials are coming to the conclusion that the Soviet leader was not as dismissive of President Reagan's latest arms proposals as appeared at first sight.

In particular they believe that Mr Gorbachov was not laying down preconditions for holding a summit with Mr Reagan later this year by calling for "understandings" on medium-range missiles and ending nuclear tests.

A Soviet diplomat in Londoo confirmed that these were not preconditions but emphasized that Mr Gorbachov saw no sense in holding empty

talks with Mr Reagan.

After careful study of the won't work". The US is still Russian text of Mr Mikhail pressing Moscow to agree on a summit date.

The view in Whitehall is that the Soviet Union is once again trying to divide Nato and to stir up anti-nuclear sentiment in west Europe as it did during the months preceding the deployment of Pershing 2 and cruise missiles in Europe daring 1983.

There is concern about Mr Gorbachov's insistence - repeated in Tuesday's speech -that a deal on medium-range missiles in Europe must include a freeze on British and French nuclear forces and a scrapping of Britain's plans to buy Trident missiles from the

It is feared in London that there could be a revival of antinuclear sentiment if the ques-Mr Gorbachov's attempt to forces is seen as the main link a spinmit to progress in obstacle blocking an agreearms cootrol talks "simply ment on Euro-missiles.

Gorbachov objective a global security system

Congress of the Soviet Communist Party on Tuesday, Mr Mikhail Gorbachov. the Soviet leader, outlined an "allembracing system of inter-national security as a long-lerm objective of Soviet foreign policy. This is how he described it (English text supplied by the Soviet news agency Novosti):

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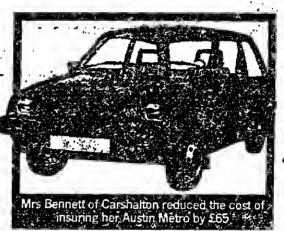
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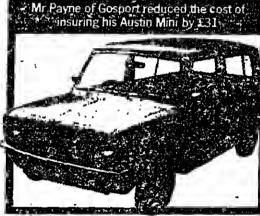
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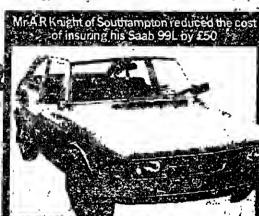
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Communist is among first to be set free by Manila

ment is to release an impor-tant member of the Comm-unist Party of the Philippines among the first batch of 33 political detainces given their

freedom.

Mrs Mila Agilar Roque, who was in charge of education in the Philippines party, is to be freed, and another leading Communist, Mr Sotar Ocampo, will not be rearrested following his escape from jail last year. He had been detained for many years. Mr Reynaldo Maclang, an urban guerrilla involved with the "light-a-fire" movement, will be given temporary re-lease. The group set fire to hotels and other important buildings in Manila in the early 1980s.

Seoul warning

Seoul (Reuter) - The Government yesterday warned oppo-sition politicians yesterday not to use the demise of President Marcos to create social unrest in South Korea after dissident leaders said that such a victory for democracy over dictator-ship could spread to other parts of Asia.

Another guerrilla, Mr Rolando Montiel, will be re-leased from house arrest. Also freed were five human rights lawyers, three from Mindanao and two from Abra.

The Government says that there are oow 450 political prisoners under detention and that most should be freed by

the end of the week. In the rush to leave Manila, ex-President Marcos forgot two things dear to him - his 27 war medals and the photographs of himself with other

neads of state He awarded himself most of the medals years after the war for his "exploits" as an anti-Japanese guerrilla leader. But he wanted to take them into exile so much that his son-inlaw telephoned a Manila family from Clark Air Force base appealing for someooe to recover them from the Mala-

canang Palace. President Corazon Aquino has now decreed that the medals and photographs be returned to him, but there is no indication of whether Mrs Imelda Marcos's collection of photographs will also be sent on. Visitors to the Palace

The new Aquino Govern- Marcos's vast bedroom covered with photographs of her-self with heads of state. The former president was in none of them.

Mrs Aquino's earnest desire to forgive and forget has been extended to the political prisoners. She has said that she will release all who renounce

violence.

The danger of violent revenge remains, and it has been learned that security forces have foiled a plot to assassinate the Defence Minister, Mr Juan Ponce Enrile.

Mr Rodolfo Farinas, the Mayor of Laoag in Mr Marcos' home province, and eight bodyguards were arrest-ed outside the Ministry of Defence after he tried to get close to Mr Froile during a close to Mr Enrile during a press conference. Security men found 16 weapons in his Mercedes and two other cars. Mr Enrile is hated by some

Marcos loyalists because they believe he usurped the power of Mr Marcos at the last minute and turned down the former President's last-ditch offer of a military junta, which Mr Enrile would have headed.

An arsenal has also been discovered at the home of the President's daughter, Aimee Manotoc Marcos. Many high-powered weapons and large stocks of ammunition were discovered by security men sent there after raiders broke

A bomh planted by departing Malacanang palace guards was detonated yesterday in the Pasig River. Local newspapers have carried photographs of what the military says were booby-trap bombs left behind in palace books, but there has been not independent confir-

The task of pulling together some sort of functioning government is moving ahead as fast as possible, but several Government offices have oot yet received so much as telephone call from their new

The economy requires the most urgent attention. "We don't even know how much there is to the Treasury," said the senior adviser of a com-mercial bank. But it is my guess that we're bankrupt."He wants private companies to lend experts to the Governmeot free of charge to help untangle a nightmare of fraud and corruption left by the

Tens of thousands of strikers marched to the Parliament here to deliver a resolution calling for free collective bar-gaining and an end to emer-

gency legislation imposing a mnaudatory wage curh for two

The Government, which used legal procedures to retain control of the General Confederation of Greek Workers, the

Greek TUC, denounced the strike as "politically-motivated".

Mr Costas Simitis, the Minister of National Economy, revealed that Greece's 1985 deficit rose to \$3.3 billion (£2.2

hillion) — one-half more than hudgeted — and said that this precluded any deviation from tight wage policies.

One-day strike brings Greece to a halt

From Mario Modiano, Atheus

Workers in Athens and 17 sion and radio off the air for provincial towns staged a one-day strike yesterday in protest against the Socialist Government's austerity pro-gramme which has split the Greek labour movement.

The strike grounded all the lights of Olympic Airways, the national carrier, as well as those of foreign airlines served by it. It disrupted public transport and forced banks, private schools and theatres to

close.

Building sites were deserted and public services, such as electricity and telephones, were manned by skeleton

Journalists, who staged a 24-hour strike on Wednesday to press for pay rises, supported yesterday's action with a stoppage that took state televi-

Haiti hit

by more

22 years for bus

looting Port-au-Prince (AP) dusk-to-dawn curfew was still in force throughout Haiti after renewed loosing and demon-strations in protest at the attempted flight of a former secret police chief.

The 7pm to 5am curfew was linked to the protest on Tues-day by 5,000 Haitians aimed at preventing Luc Desir, secret police chief under Francois "Papa Doc" Duvalier, from fleeing. A Government spokesman said that he had been arrested.

In Washington, the US
Administration said it was
freeing £17.6 million in aid
withheld because of "repressive actions" hy Mr JeanClaude Duvalier.

Arms charge

Kampala (AFP) — Mr Akena p'Ojok, the former Ugandan Power and Telecom-munications Minister, was charged with possessing fire-arms, explosives and ammu-

Soldiers stray

Helsinki (AFP) - Two Canadian soldiers who strayed and 13 years respectively, into Finland while on Nato exercises in northern Norway were detained by Finnish border guards and taken back to Norway after questioning. | Minister.

hijacker

Prague (AFP) - A Czecho reague (AFF) — A CZCANO-slovak court has jailed for 22 years a man who hijacked a packed bus and threatened to hlow it up unless he were allowed to leave for West Germany, according to a

newspaper report.

The southern regional newspaper Jihoceska Pravda said the hijacker, Vladimir Beno, aged 26, had been sentenced on Tuesday by a court in Budejovice and would serve his sentence in a third category. his sentence in a third catego-

ry, most severe, prison.

He seized the bus with 48 people oo board on November 9, 1984. After firing three shots in the air and wiring the vehicle with dynamite, be ordered it to the border post of

Strazny, where he was eventually disarmed by police.

VIENNA: Two Czechosłovaks who tried to flee to Austria last September hy taking hostage a Slovak minis-ter, have been given long prison sentences by a Bratisla-va court (Richard Bassett

writes).
Josef Rohac and Ernes: Recka were found guilty of terrorism and sentenced to 15 They were arrested after seizing an official car and its passenger. Dr Imrich Hatiar,

the Slovak deputy Health





Cardinal Sin, Archbishop of Manila, greeting Mr Juan Ponce Eurile, the Defence Minister, during a thanksgiving Mass at Camp Crame yesterday attended by 5,000 Filipinos.

Aquino makes TV plea to Marcos

New York (AP) - President Aquino yesterday appealed to Mr Marcos to tell his loyalists not to cause any violence against the new Government.

Interviewed on ABC television's Good Morning. America, Mrs Aquino said to

the ex-president: "Think of began releasing political prisour country. Think of your countrymen who have already been burt, who have aiready suffered so much under your regime. The time is now to make amends." Mrs Aquino said she had

oners and would free communists who promised to renounce violence.

Her Government would try to recover government wealth reportedly taken by Mr Mar-

The Filipinos who still live in fear of private armies

PromMichael Hamlyn, Tarlac, Philippi

Aquino country. Mrs Aquino was born near by, in Concep-

There were still many onlicensed guns in the hands of private armies, she said in spite of the appeals of the new Armed Forces Chief, General Ramos, for them to be given

Down the main highway towards Manila is another municipality, called Capas. There Mrs Go's fears are echoed. A young social studies teacher who went off with a band of fellow Aquino sympa-thizers to defend the revolu-tion outside Camp Crame on the capital's outskirts, is quite clear that nothing much has yet changed back home. "We are afraid," he said. "The mayor here still has his private can we teach social studies

Sitting in the back of her sari-sari shop, which sells grocerles and other necessities to the poorer classes in the little municipality of Gerona, Mrs Susanna. Go, local coordinator of the Unido party of President Corazon Aquino, said: "Many of the Unido people are still wallowing in fear."

In spite of the installation of the new President in the capital's Malacanang Palace, an event for which Mrs Go sits wide eyed in thankful astonishment, the situation in the countryside of Tarlac Province has not immediately of Mrs Sanise' personal and page when a have since the first of the waste though this is Aquino country. Mrs Aquino guards.

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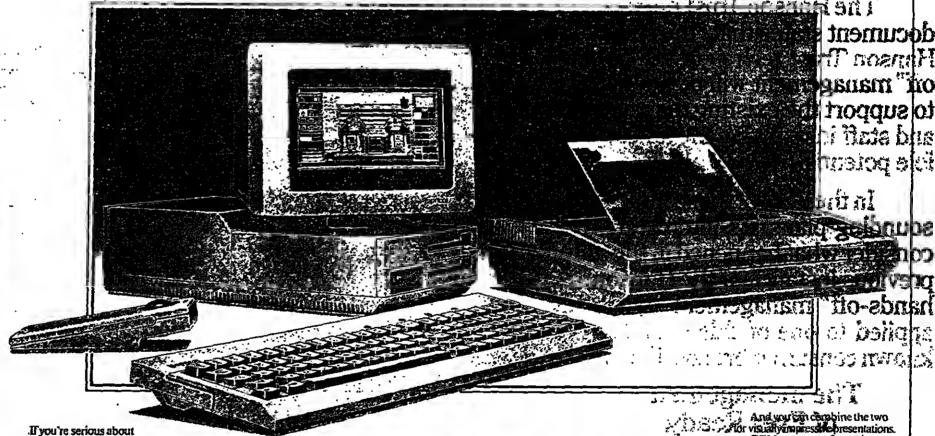
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The teachers still remember with shudders that Mr Suarez came to the school to complain that they were brain-washing the children in social studies lessons. "Why do you teach politics in the class-room?" he asked them. "How

politics, and Tarlac Province is one of those which has suffered from the activities of the Communa Surgents of the New People Asmy. In the 1970s the distant was terrorized by a limit under Commander Pussare That Cat hut since his death it action the problems have much disminished.

The leader of the provincial Unido group, former Governor Jose Macapinlac, is in the capital being briefed on the next stage in the transfer of power. The mayoral term of office expires towards the end of next month. Mrs Aquino on Wednesday ruled out any local elections in the near future, so she is likely to appoint her own men in their aces. Only then will people like Mrs Go and the teachers

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Reagan faces bitter battle on military aid for Contras

President Reagan's request for \$100 million in aid for Nicaraguan rebels fighting the Sandinista Government have begun to muster their forces, predicting that the President faces an

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Senator Mark Hatfield, a Republican from Oregon, declared his opposition and said there would be "intense resistance" in the Senate in view of the projected cuts in guan democratic resistance". domestic social programmes.

He and Senator Paul Simon. an Illinois Democrat, drafted a letter to the President, signed by 18 senators, urging a postponement of the aid request while further diplomatic negotiations were held through the Contadora group of Latin American countries.

Mr Reagan asked on Tuesday for military, as well as non-lethal aid for those fighting the Sandinistas. The money, to be transferred from the existing Pentagon budget, would give the Contras \$30 million in humanitarian aid for food, clothing, medicine and lorries, and a further \$70 for weapons. The reports).

Congressional opponents of present congressional appropriation of only \$27 million in humanitarian aid runs out at the end of next month.

> Emphasizing Administration's insistence that the rebels must now make an all-out military effort if they are to have any chance of forcing the Nicaraguan Government to negotiate. Mr Reagan said the money was needed to assist the Nicara-

"Few now question that the rulers of Nicaragua are deeply committed communists, determined to consolidate their totalitarian communist state." Mr Reagan told Congress.

The proposal may be acby the Republicancontrolled Senate, but Democrats in the House of Representatives, which they control, are already organizing their opposition.

• MANAGUA: The Nicaraguan Defence Minister, Señor

Humberto Ortega, said Nicastrengthening its defences in response to President Reagan's proposal to boost support for rebels (Reuter



Bomhay police carry away the former Indian Minister for Industry, Mr George Fernandes, for trying to block trains during a national protest against recent price increases.

Police swoop to arrest Maori activist

From Stephen Taylor Wellington

The Maori activist, Mr Dun Vihaka, and his wife, Dianne Prince, are due to oppear in court today after their arrest yesterday in a dramatic police swoop near the Queen's caval-

Mr Mihaka, who has been threatening to make a whakapohane, a bare-bottom protest. during the royal tour of New Zealand, was pulled from his van as be joined the cavalcade, epparently attempting to catch ap with the car carrying the

various local protest movewidespread notoriety when he court this morning to face

on their last visit to New Zealand. He has said he would be repeating the gesture, which he maintains is a traditional Maori insult, before the

Written on the side of the rehicle in which he was arrested yesterday were the slogans: 'All the Queen's horses and all the Queen's men will not stop me doing it again", and "Wild man let it all hang out in

Later his wife, who was in

the van with him, was also Mr Mihaka is a veteran of arrested. Police said they were being held in custody overments but first gained a more night and would appear in travelling from the Tuapo

bared his backside at the dangerous driving and per-Prince and Princess of Wales haps other charges. Their arrest brings to six

the onmber of people detained over incidents related to the royal tour, including two young women who have been charged with assaulting the Queen us a result of the egg-throwing affair on Monday.

There seemed little likelihood at the outset that yesterday would produce any more of the incideots which have been a feature of the tour. The rogramme was for a visit to a National Trust swampland. followed by the police college and then Privy Council hasi-

But as the Queen was swamp to the college - in a

Daimler which she used on her first visit to New Zealand in 1952/53 - the van carrying Mr Mihaka pulled out of a

side road. Witnesses said it started to speed up with the apparent intention of catching up with the royal party but was

promptly intercepted by a police car. Mr Mihaka, o powerfolly hollt Maori wearing red shorts and a vest, was taken from his van and stood for a few moments talking to reporters before being hustled off in a police vehicle.

By the time Mr Mihaka has appeared in court today the royal party will have departed for Nelson and Christchurch, on South Island.

Ethiopians flee forced move

From Charles Harrison, Nairobi

Refugees from Ethiopia are gramme of "villagization". flooding into northern Somalia at a rate of about 600 a day, according to United Nations

More than 27,000 men. women and children have reached a refugee centre at Tug Wajale, about five miles from the Ethiopian border, since the exodus began early last month. Most are members of the Oromo tribe and have walked about 60 miles from their former homes near Harer and Dire Dawa rather than be resettled under the Ethopian Government pro-

Mr Gary Troeller, of the UN High Commission for Refugees in Somalia, said that the influx was causing serious problems in northern Somalia because of a shortage of water and other necessities. Cholera has broken out in

Tug Wajale and some other camps and several hundred cases are being treated. So far, 17 people have died. The Somali authorities have

now made available a large area, with water, at Biyaley, about 20 miles from Berbera, for the Tug Wajale refugees.

Mr Troeller said that the refugee ioflux showed no sign of ending. On some days, more than 1,000 refugees entered Somalia. "They are not drought victims. They are well nourished and had been successful farmers before deciding to flee," he said.

The influx is increasing the size of Somalia's already formidable refugee problem. The has more than

country has more than 800,000 refugees, most of them having fled Ethiopia during the Ogaden war in 1977 and 1978.

UN fears Afghan genocide From Alan McGregor

Continued fighting in Afghanistan will lead inevitably lo a situation approaching genocide", according to a report presented to the UN Human Rights Commission. "The only solution is the withdrawal of foreign troops", the report suggests. Civilian

casualties last year are esti-mated at 35,000. The report, from the commission's special rappor-teur, Dr Felix Ermacora of Austria, who last month visited Afghan refugee camps in Baluchistan and Pakistan's North-West Province, describes the conflict as characterized by "systematic obrutality".

The 120,000-strong Soviet armed forces - described in the report as "foreign troops' continue to use anti-personnel mines, delayed action and booby-trapped bombs, such as toys, pens, cakes of soap, snuff boxes and what appear to be bundles of bank notes. He spoke to childres injured by these horrible weapons."

Burning liquid - dropped from aircraft in canisters which open in the air and spray the ground - and napalm are among other weapons used by the Russians. In Khad, the Afghan com-

munist security forces' interropation centre, women interriewed by the rapporteur said that among torture techniques employed are "sticking necdles in the fingers and hanging by the hair for prolonged

periods."

More than a third of the Afghan population is now living outside the country. with the exodus continuing at the rate of 6.000 to 8.000 cach month

 BERN: A Russian soldier captured by Alghan insurgents and interned for two years in Switzerland under a humanitarian accord was released on Wednesday and immediately boarded an Aeroflot flight to Moscow (AP reports).

The release, announced by the Swiss Foreign Ministry. leaves just one Russian soldier 💌 still interned under an accord negotiated in 1982.

Wrangling **Ouebec** MP quits From John Best Ottawa Mr Jean Chrétien, a promi-

nent Liberal and former Cabinet minister, yesterday resigned his seat in the Canadian House of Commons. The sudden decision capped

a smouldering dispute be-tween Mr Chréticn and Mr John Turner, the party leader and former Prime Minister. wing of the party It could do Mr Turner and

his party immense harm in the predominantly French-speaking Quebec, a province crucial to the party's chances of regaining national power.

Mr Chretien, aged 52, has a strong popular following in-the traditional Liberal provnce, which swung strongly Conservative in the 1984 Tory landslide. Recent polls indicate that voters are returning to their Liberal mould. Mr Chrétien ran second to Mr Turner in the June, 1984. Liberal leadership campaign.

but has never tried to hide his hip and the post of Prime Minister that may again one day go with it. Some prominent Liberals have accused im of disloyalty. The resignation followed a meeting with Mr Turner in

which they tried to settle their differences. Later. Mr Turner paid tribute in the Commoos to "a great Canadian".

Resignation threat to **Malaysian Cabinet**

From M. G. G. Pillai Kuala Lumpur

The Malaysian Cabinet faces a serious split after the abrupt resignation yesterday of the deputy Prime Minister, Datuk Musa Hitam. Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamed, the Prime Minis-

Mohamed, the Prime Minister, has stonewalled all inquiries, but has called an emergency meeting of the supreme council of his United Malay National Organization (UMNO) party for tonight.

Datuk Musa resigned as deputy Prime Minister, Home Minister and deputy president of UMNO.

of UMNO.

Dr Mahathir expects to call early general elections within the next six months.

The Prime Minister has



Dr Mahathir, beset by political setbacks. suffered a number of political setbacks recently, notably growing Islamic fundamental-ist pressures.

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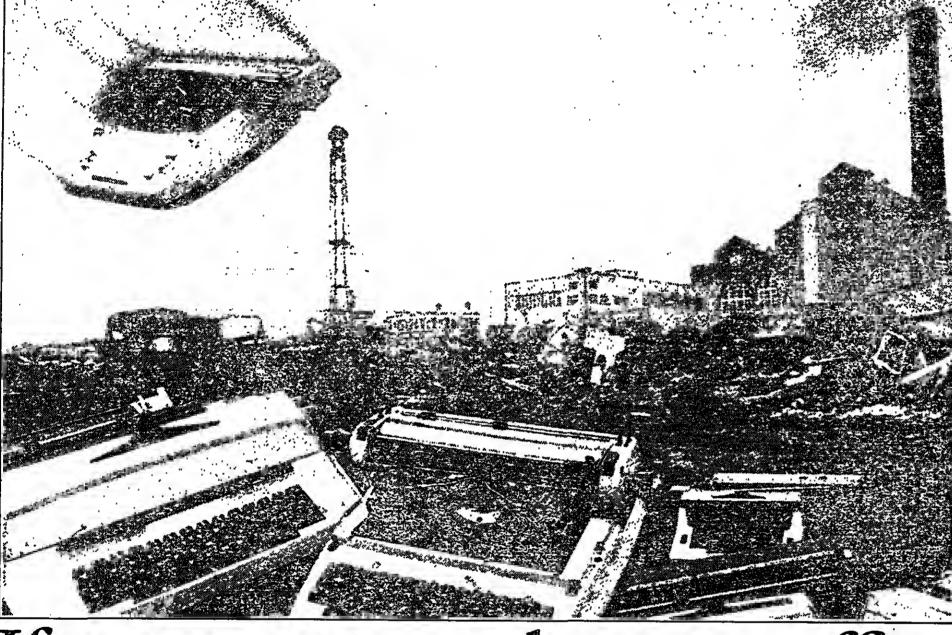
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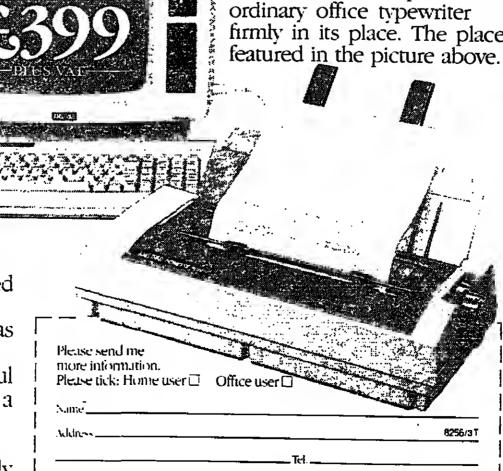
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The world's higgest selling whisky, as a full-page advertisement in the current takeover battle for Distillers boldly proclaims, is a Japanese substance named Old Suntory. True enough, but

It is intended to demean Distillers. and to highlight the sluggishness and decline of this once unassailable giant of the Scotch whisky industry. True. Distillers have been sluggish; but as a claim it is highly misleading, and unfair both to the company and the industry at large. The Japanese may have flooded the earth with cars and computers, but they have singularly failed to fill the oceans with whisky.

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What the advertisements do not state is that almost all Japanese whisky is drunk in Japan. Nor do the advertisements reveal that in the last five years sales of Old Suntory have been virtually halved as the Japanese have turned in droves to a much lighter rice-based spirit, Shochu.

The fortunes of Suntory and Scotch are curiously bound up. Not only has the Japanese market for whisky shrunk alarmingly, but also — breathe it not in the glens of Speyside -Suntory whiskies contain a fair pro-portion of the finest Scotch malts, including Glenlivet and Glen Grant, two of Scotland's premier names.

Exports of Scotch to Japan - its third largest overseas market - fell by nearly one third last year, almost entirely due to the decline in demand for hulk Highland malt whisky to blend with the local product. That, at least, has taken much of the heat out of a fierce argument that has raged in the Scotch industry for years: should malt whisky be exported at all?

What is needed now is a bit more hard sell

Opponents have argued long and hard that by doing so the industry cuts its own throat. The distillers who do it (Glenlivet-Glen Grant, owned by Scagrams, is one of the biggest) argue that they have an urgent need to shift stocks. One Highland distillery. Tomatin, which relied heavily on sales of hulk malt whisky abroad, recently went bankrupt. It has since been

bought by a Japanese company, The Scotch industry has been through several years of deep depression, with nearly 30 of Scotland's 131 distilleries closed permanently or temporarily. But there are several indications that Scotch is on the road to recovery - something of an irony at a time when Distillers is in such decline.

Scotch whisky earned £994 million in exports in 1985, an increase in value of 7 per cent on the previous year, even though the volume fell from 231 million litres to 226 million. The fall in volume is largely explained by the decline in bulk malt exports.

According to one of leading analysts of the industry. Alan Gray of the Glasgow stockbrokers Campbell Neill: three years to ensure quality—"Although the total volume of exports has declined the encouraging factor is three out of every four bottles sold in that by far the largest category of Britain. The abolition of stock relief in export - bottled-in-Scotland blends - the 1984 Budget was a serious blow to has been increasing. It went up by 1.7 the industry. per cent in 1984 when total export volume fell by 2 per cent. Bottled-in-Scotland accounts for 67 per cent of all exports: it is much more profitable than bulk and creates many more

have shot up by 27 per cent of £30.8 million a year. We feel we are unfortunately single malt accounts for being subjected to this simply because only 2 per cent of exports.
"In 1985 the home whisky market

While the battle goes on for control of the declining Distillers

Company, the whisky industry's fortunes,

ironically, are looking up. Alan Hamilton

pours out the story

also registered an increase of about 5 per cent, its first since 1979. Overall, I am moderately encouraged; stocks are now more in line with demand, and the industry is getting its marketing together." What is needed now, he says, is a bit more hard sell.

That Scotch whisky makes any headway at all is a tribute to the excellence of the product and the skill with which it is sold, for in almost every market in the world it is discriminated against by high taxation and other restrictions, a victim of its own success. A delegation from the Scotch Whisky Association is at this moment in Tokyo trying to persuade the Japanese to remove the import taxes which are higher than those on American bourbon. Scotch is taxed at twice the rate of top-grade Japanese whisky. The tariffs are far higher than for the small amount of Japanese spirits coming into the EEC. Common Market countries, with

France as the ringleader, have been among the worst offenders in imposing discriminatory taxes against Scotch. In the past two years, however, the French have been shamed into removing the worst of them and the country has become Scotch's second higgest export market, with an increase of 16 per cent last year - much of it, unfortunately, blended whisky shipped in bulk and bottled there under the brand name "Label 5".

The Common Market as a whole now rivals the United States as the higgest importer of Scotch. But the whisky industry is punished equally, and often needlessly, at home. Whisky is one of the greatest gifts to Scotland. and to the world, but most of all to the Chancellor, who collected £800 million from it last year in excise duty and

According to John Macphail, chairman of the Scotch Whisky Association, the taxman's refusal to take account of the inflationary factor on maturing stocks of whisky - which

The industry awaits the **Budget with foreboding**

must slumber in their Highland

"It is estimated that the historical cost of our stocks is £1,600 million", Macphail says. With inflation at 5.5 per cent, an illusory inflation profit of £88 million a year has been calculated. Scottish jobs, particularly in blending and bottling plants.

That profit is in fact non-existent but despite that, with Corporation tax at "Bortled single malt whisky exports 35 per cent, it gives rise to a tax charge of administrative expediency.

The industry has made its submis-

sion to the Chancellor, and awaits his Budget with some foreboding. It also wants him to defer the collection of excise duty, currently levied four weeks after the whisky leaves the bonded warehouse, to eight weeks, allowing the distillers time to recoup the money from retail sales.

But these are not the factors which have pushed the once-proud Distillers Company into decline, for others have prospered while the giant has not none of the top three whiskies on the bome market is now a DCL brand. Fifteen years ago DCL had half the UK market; now it has only 17 per cent. Overseas its Johnnie Walker Red Label is still the world's best seller, but it has shown some decline, as have Haig. Black and White, and the group's other internationally famous

brands. Scotch whisky is all about marketing an area in which Distillers has fallen down woefully; for who can truly tell the difference between a Bell's and a Grouse? The modern industry was founded by two brilliant marketing men, James Buchanan and Tommy Dewar, who took the anony-mous spirit of their native land and put a label on it.

Better marketing is the key to the future. Clive Sims, Johnnie Walker's marketing services director, explains: The great growth m exports in the 1970s was achieved by pushing into new corners of the world. Now we have run out of world, but we certainly have not run out of potential customers. In the United States, for example, only 15 per cent of adults drink Scotch whisky; the room for expansion is enormous.

Spirits are losing ground to wines and beers

But there are difficulties, American tastes are currently locked into ideas of health which turns them away from strong drink, and spirits are losing some ground to wine and beer, Part of the answer, according to Sims, is to introduce new brands carefully targeted at specific age or social groups.
That, however, brings its own dangers.
The American market is dominated, and was largely created, by six top brands; all the others ride on their backs and too many new labels could affect their sales.

Traditionalists also fear that any

new owners of Distillers may be tempted to trade down market and put a major effort into cut-price hrands. Scotch, abroad at least, sells largely on being a top quality, premium product. Even in the land of the free and the free market, a bottle of premium Scotch in New York is twice the price of a bottle of bourbon.

Another part of the answer is to dispel the myth, clung to in America. that Scotch must be drunk on its own. Sales would leap, it is believed, were Scotch accepted as a base for cocktails. The cocktail fashion can only grow in America; I have even heard them

asking for Perrier and water." Whoever becomes the eventual owner of Distillers, and injects fresh enthusiasm and marketing skill into it, could find himself the winner of a very rich prize indeed. There is every indication that the world's thirst for the world's highest quality spirit drink will continue to increase, provided governments, including the British, can be persuaded not to stand in the

Old Sumory may yet be knocked off the top shelf.

Bustration by Geoffrey Sims and Mel Calmen

Volume pure alcohol) Value 25.1 26.2 60.0 65.5 160.9 194.0 203.5 259.9 238.3 436.6 262.4 707.4 251.2 871.6 231.2 931.3 225.8 994.0 Source: HM Customs and Excise

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3	Ricard Anise	Various	7.0	-1.7
4	Suntory Old Whisky	Japan	6.9	-13.1
5	Gordon's Gin Johnnie Walker Red	Various	6.8	-6.2
7	Label Whisky Seagrams'	Scotland	8.4	-2.2
	7 Croumo Mhielos	USA	5.8	-5.4
8	J & B Rare Whisky	Scotland	5.0	-5.4 +0.5
9	Suntory Red Whisky	Japan	4.9	-0.5
10	Jim Beam Whiskey	USA	4.8	+2.2
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	3	Japan	15.3	-29
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	7	Australia	0.8	+10
	8	West Germany	7.8	+1
	9	Belgium/Luxembourg	5.5	-7
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	11	Greece	4.7 4.2 3.9	-11 +24
	12	Natherlands	3.9	-16
•	13	Sweden	3.2	+14
•	14	Venezuela	3.2	+12
	15	Brazil	2.9	-31

Source: HM Customs and Excise

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propped up in front of him to

recall the stench of the open

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noise. It deals with the lives of four people: a Catholic priest.

an American medical student,

In a space the size of three football pitches in the City of

Joy lived 70,000 Hindus,

drought and famine, lepers and eunuchs, and yet the place seemed full of happiness. Fes-

tivals took place every day.

with 400 people celebrating a child's first tooth. "That level of life teaches you how to share". says Lapierre. "No one

is alone - if you are alone, you

He got used to the rats, the

scorpious, the flies and the

heat, and remembers seeing a

woman fanning herself in her sleep, wondering to himself how long it took to learn that skill. His book has already

sold two million copies, and

half the royalties are going to

If the City of Joy is im-

proved by even so much as

covering in the sewers, the rents will rise, and the people who would benefit will have to

go.

Calcutta is so inhuman, so

terrible, that it has the magic

power to make super people, apostles, saints. Where you

would expect only death, you discover life", says Lapierre.

He adds a quotation from Tagore. "Adversity is big, but man is higger than adversity."

Philippa Toomey

The City of Joy by Dominique Lapierre, Century Hutchin-son, £12.95

the people of Calcutta

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Talking to a select few

A new magazine is to good aimed at the young, nouveau riche Arabs

Scotch is

FOREIGNERS

who have begun to see Britain as home

This week a bizarre new magazine joins the growing range of glossies which are posted free to a "select" mailing list. It is called

"Arabel is the first glossy society/business magazine exclusively designed for the wealthy Arab community resident in the UK", runs the publicity. "With a circulation of 30,000. Arabel is distributed free every month to the husiness and/or private addresses of Arab royalty (princes and sheikhs), ambasadors, diplomatic staff, bank and company chairmen, managing directors . . . , it

The premium advertising market of property. BMWs and jewellery is now being pursued by a whole range of publications, from the established ones like Tatler to mail-shot newcomers like The London Gentleman. The UK Arah market is served by a variety of business and news publications. But *trabel* is something new. In this case the mailing list really is "select" - for Arabs only.
And it offers them their own Tatler and therefore a new kind of publishing - and

marketing - identity.

There are about 500,000

Arabs in Britain. The majority have much in common with any other immigrant community - they tend to be poorer than average and they are predominantly employed in menial tasks in local authority and catering ventures. Their numbers have remained static for some

But since the oil rises of 1973, they have been joined by two new classes. First, there are the oil-rich sheikhs and princes for whom Britain provides one home among many others and who supply material for an endless list of anecdotes about their limitless wealth. Second. there is a new Arab professional class. Their assets may be small but their incomes are high. Typi-cally they work for banks or

the diplomatic corps.

London has provided this econd group with a natural home. It is still one of the few financial centres of the world liberality and stability, if not for tolerance of foreigners. The new magazine is an attempt to penetrate that market. Its publisher, Farid El Khatib, believes these newcomers are now suffi-ciently established to want something that ties them together socially. Now, 13 years on, Britain is

beginning to feel like home. For reasons ranging from political instability in their native countries to the mere fact that they like it here, their stay is becoming permanent.
Children are growing up and becoming part of English society, and the seclusion in which most of them have lived no longer seems tolera-

As El Khatih points out, this means that the old complexities of national differences between the 26 different Arah nationalities are beginning to be suppressed. They are determined to re-

that Syrians and Egyptians, Lebanese and Jordanians have more in common when they are in Britain.

But the popular, prejudiced view that all Arabs are either rich or politically unstable remains. "It can be very embarrassing being an Arab in Britain", said one banker, "but the association of Arabs with enormous wealth doesn't really make sense. Of course there are poor Arabs just as there are poor Pakistanis, but I also know Pakistanis who are as nch or richer than our sheikhs and

For him, the property jewellery and fashion of Arabel is acceptable - it is servicing one small part of the Arab community. Others find it distinctly distasteful. The Arah Women's Council began as a relief organization in the wake of the 1967 Middle East war. It was founded and is still run by Dr Esmat El Said. an Egyptian who has been in Britain for

almost 30 years. The meetings at her home in south Kensington are attended by women from almost every Arah country.



Glamour. The Arabel image

They are more interested in the 7.000 Moroccans in north Kensington than the half dozen Gulf princes in Park

Over tea and Middle Eastern sweets and savouries they brushed talk of Arabei aside and complained of the damaging consequences of reinforcing the impression that Arabs were invariably rich, "There are only about five genuinely rich Arab states". Dr El Said pointed out, "and many of the others are desperately poor".

In the dummy edition of the magazine, picture coverage of a party was sadly headed "Few women present" suggesting the has some way to go before it takes on the ease and gloss of that reported in Tatler. Yet the title page made a game effort - there were pictures of Prince Michael and the Princess of Wales as well as of Omar Sharif.

"To qualify for the Arabel controlled circulation list, the absolute minimum household income will be £25,000 per annum", adds the public-ity. "Median and average incomes will be far in excess

The AWC's leaflets talk of hospital visiting, social and legal problems and educational committees. Arabel may be highlighting the fact that new divisions are replacing old ones but at least they are merely the same sort of divisions from which every other race suffers.

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The weekend starts here



Games of Chance

Françoise Sagan, the celebrated French writer. confesses to a lifelong love affair with gambling, legacy of years spent in the glamorous casinos of Cannes and Deauville. In Games of Chance, an extract from her new book With Fondest Regards. she explains with pride untinged by remorse her fatal fascination with the gaming

The prodigal daughter Liza Minnelli back on stage

tables, often bringing her to the brink of ruin. Harvest of the sea La Rochelle's fruits-de-mer

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Life in the City of Joy

How the people of a Calcutta slum find

happiness at the bottom rung of the

poverty ladder

back to India in 1981, taking with him \$50,000 of his royalties from earlier best sellers. like Is Paris Burning? Freedom at Midnight and The Fifth Horseman, all of which he wrote with Larry Collins. In Calcutta, Mother Teresa introduced him to James Stevens, an Englishman who ran Udayan, an organization which looked after the children of lepers. Stevens was broke. "I gave him my money". Lapierre says. "so

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island of hope".

He wrote about Stevens in a

French magazine, and the public sent \$70,000 in response. Then Lapierre and his wife decided to go and live in a Calcutta slum called Anand

Hopeful: Dominique Lapierre Moslems, refugees from

are destroyed. I found more positive values than in our so-called civilized western world. I was never asked - only given? Nagar. The translation is "City of Joy", the title of his **CONCISE CROSSWORD (NO 887)**

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The French elections In an article on the French latest book. This was written in the South of France with

elections (Spectrum, February 24), it was stated that "there is no social security in France" This should have read "there is no social security safety net in France". Unlike Britain, France operates a finite system whereby after a certain time a claimant is no longer entitled to benefits.

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Surviving in the nuclear shadow

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The first question that the doctor asked Mrs Anne Todd when her 10-year-old son Robert was ndmitted to hospital was: "Do you blame Windscale?"

"I said 'yes' because I'd already thought of it", says Mrs Todd, "and we'd already had, in just a few years, more leukaemia cases in this area than our doctor said he

would expect in his lifetime."
Four weeks later, Robert was dead of leukaemia, another cold statistic among the reams of scientific data that may one day prove that living near a nuclear processing plant can be lethal.

Anne Todd and her husband

Ken, a local garage owner in the Cumbrian village of Broughtonin-Furness, are just two of the thousands of ordinary people caught in the middle of the political minefield which currently surrounds the Sellafield nuclear

processing plant.
Still referred to as "Windscale"
by the local inhabitants who remember it from the days when it was a top-secret military establishment. Sellafield has become a chilling symptom of the side effects of progress, a radioactive time bomb to be tossed back and forth between the scientists, politi-

cians, pressure groups and media. While the local rate of child-hood leukaemia is acknowledged to be significantly higher than the national average, and while high level doses of radiation are medically accepted as a cause of cancer, there is still a considerable amount of research to be done to find out whether causal links exist between nuclear plants and the incidence of malignancies in their vicinities. None has been estab-

lished yet. But while the academics and statisticians dig still deeper into the nuclear unknown, scrutinizing everything from the post mortem tissue of children who die around Sellafield to the eating habits of the local residents, the people who actually inhabit the sprawling rural communities of West Cumbria continue to live with the fear

of contamination. "The principle concern for us is the long-term effect of low level radiation", says Dr Barry Walker, whose group general practice in the village of Seascale is overlooked by Sellafield's four giant



Dr Jack Strain: there are no ill effects on the local people



Sally Brompton on

the dilemma of the West Cumbrian community whose livelihood rests on a

nuclear 'minefield' The levels of contamination we're talking about these days are certainly very low indeed and unlikely to kill you in conventional medical terms. My concern — and that of people like me — is that we are really underestimating the

our environment over a long "It's not simply what has al-ready been dumped in the sea that womes us; the problems of the airborne emissions need to be lonked at as well."

seriousness of having this stuff in

While much of the local population is transient, workers who remain at the plant for just two or three years, it is the hard core of native Cumbrians living in the immediate vicinity who concern

"It's among the people who have been working at the plant since the early 1950s or living in the area since then that you'd now expect to start seeing things happening", he says. "I get older patients coming into my surgery with malignancies which I personally believe are related to radiation, and I think that in 10 or 15 years time we will inherit the legacy of what has been going on here as far as the workers and people who have been living here

for a long time are concerned."
Harry King was one of the first
workers to join Windscale in 1951 at the age of 28. He began as a security officer and was then moved to the processing department. Ten years later it was discovered that the dust extractor in his particular unit had oot been operating for some time and the department

was closed down for modification

while King and his colleagues were moved to another building. "Harry came home and said he had received an overdose of plutonium and mustn't work with

it again", his wife, Jean, recalls. "He didn't actually say he was worried hut in the following weeks noticed a change in his outlook. He seemed to become much more quiet and introverted. I suppose, looking back, that he must have been worrying about it hut he was the kind of person who would have kept it from me so that I wouldn't worry ton."

Four years later, Hnrry King's teeth began falling out, followed by his bair. In 1971 he was forced to retire from work having lost his eyesight as a result of cataracts. Two years later he died from cancer of the brain,

British Nuclear Fuels (BNFL). who took on the plant from the UK Atomic Energy Authority in 1971, denied liability but paid his widow £8,000 compensation in a test case in 1977. The widows of three of Harry King's colleagues are currently claiming compensation for their husbands' deaths from cancer under BNFL's new compensation scheme which discompensation scheme which dispenses with the need for expensive court cases. The scheme, set up in 1982 to compensate the families of staff who die from cancers allegedly caused by radiation, has just been expanded to include more morbidity payments made before

death occurs. So far, five payments worth a total of £246,233 have been made under the scheme out of 164 claims, of which 94 have already been dismissed by BNFL. At no

time has the company accepted liability for any of the deaths. In the plant's highly sophisticated medical department, Dr Jack Strain, Sellafield's senior medical officer, is reassuring. "Quite frankly, radiation is the very least of our worries and we do not look on it as a problem either on site or outside

the plant.
There is surface contamination which is not unusual when you're working in the active area, but that's no problem at all and just washes off with soap and water. On rare occasions, we do get internal intakes of radio nuclides, mainly plutonium on this site, which can be swallowed or



deposited in a wound, or inhaled

and lodged in the lungs and then passed in the bloodstream to other organs."
If routine monitoring indicates that plutonium has been inhaled. the worker is made to blow on a tissue and if the result of that is positive then he is given an intravenous injection of a collating agent which binds up the plutonium and enhances the excretion of it. That is followed by a whole-body monitor and, if neces-sary, faecal and urine tests, the results of which can take between

four and six weeks. Dr Strain emphasizes that in most cases the worker is cleared and returned to normal duty. "On the very rare occasions when we find plutonium has been inhaled we have a long discussion with the

person involved. We present the facts to them and show them that so far nobody has developed any side effects from working in the nuclear industry. Of course there is some initial anxiety, but most of

the workers on this site know what is going on and are philosophical As far as risks of contamination among the local communities are concerned, Strain is equally un-compromising. There are no effects at all on people who live in the vicinity", he says. "The locals have lived with the plant for a long time now and they accept it. And

so far we haven't seen any demeritorious effects in the surrounding population." While many of the villagers living along this picturesque strip of coastline which borders the Lake District

Mrs Jean King, whose busband died of cancer, outside Sellafield: 'Harry came home and said he had received an overdose of plutonium would outwardly agree with him, they are the first to acknowledge

that their livelihood depends upon Sellafield. With a full-time staff of 6.500 plus another 5,000 contracted employees, the nuclear plant is undoubtedly the mainstay of West Cumbria's economy. Dr Barry Walker estimates that of his practice's 6,700 patients scattered over an area of 300 square miles, 90 per cent of those working are employed at Sellafield with almost all the remaining 10 per cent dependant upon it for their variations trades. Dollar the area!

ous trades. Only the small local

farming community could survive

without the nuclear industry.

In Seascale itself, a tiny windswept village of pebble-dashed
semis with a population of 1,000
adults and 200 children, attitudes vary. Pam States' biggest worry is the loss of the weekend passing trade at the small seafront hotel which she and her husband Tom, both former Sellafield employees. have owned for the past four years. "The ouclear scares are killing this area", she says. "It's all a lot of fuss about nothing. I was born here, my daughter was born here and all my family have lived here for years and the only problem is the large number of old people in the area because everyone lives so long."

Dr Walker is sceptical about such apparent complacancy among the local community. Of course they all say reassuring things to you", he says, "but if someone offered them the same job which wasn't in Seascale, most of them would be off like a shot." He admits that if he were to be offered a comparable practice in

another part of the country he, 100, would leave the area where he was born. In the meantime, his three small children are not allowed to swim in the sea nor eat local fish nor pick up anything they may find on the beach, "It's a case of minimising the exposure but it's probably worst in the home, anyway, because it appears to concentrate the stuff." he says.

'I'm not anti-nuclear, but I feel the nuclear industry doesn't know all the answers yet'

Many of the local residents, who privately confess to being worried about the situation, compare the risks to the dangers of living in a big city and prefer to stay. Even Jean King, whose grief drove her to several attempts of suicide after her husband's death, admits: "I wouldn't live anywhere else. I was brought up around here and as a child I spent very happy days on the local beaches - a pleasure that future generations won't have."

Dr David Todd, a general practitioner in Barrow-in-Furness. sums up local opinion when he says:"I'm not an anti-nuclear person but I do feel that the nuclear industry doesn't know all the answers yet. They try to reassure the public from a position of strength whereas in fact the reasons they have learned all the things they have learned—espe-cially at Sellafield—is because of all the mistakes they have made

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effect is the principal concern

Radiation: the universal danger Dr Alice Stewart, a specialist in will obviously have a similar fact that operators were working

A SPECIALIST OPINION

radiation, believes as a result of her own research that background radiation can affect the risk of cancer, particularly in the case of an unborn child.
"We know that a single X-ray

shot can have a cancer effect on a foctus or an embryo, which raises the suspicion that, if you put up the background radiation to which we are all exposed by contaminating the environment, either by gamma radiation or by radioactive particles in the things that people might accidentally eat or breathe, then this

Shortly afterwards, we

placked up the nerve to write

to this wondrous author sug-gesting she might like to do a film script for us."

The wondrous author, it

transpired (after Massey has digressed about her passion for Proust, her theory that extroverts had simply conquered their shyness, and the importance of having n room of

one's own), wrote back saying

one's own), wrote back saying thank you, but no. However, Birtwhistle and Massey might care to read her mpublished new novel? And maybe Massey might be interested in playing the heroine? Which is how Massey comes to be playing Edith Hope in the BBC's production on Sunday of Hotel Du Lac, adapted by Christopher Hampton from

Christopher Hampton from Brookner's elegant novel.

"It was an absolute gift from

beaven", enthuses Massey.

The part of Edith is an absolute plam. We both thought the manuscript was

brilliant. We bought the film

rights. And when it won the 1984 Booker Prize it was like n

fairy story. Then everyone was baggling for the rights, of

course, and we'd already got

In Hotel Du Lac, Edith, a

months in which the child is developing."

Dr Stewart, a senior research fellow in the Department of Social Medicine at Birmingham University, suspects that background radiation may be leading to both cancer and congenital defects "without our knowing anything about it".

She cites a recent survey at a nuclear plant in America where the radiation still exhibited signs of "having a cancer effect that was not expected, despite the

at an average level of well belov a tenth of what is considered to

"The effect was small and hard to detect but it was there." Dr Stewart said. "It was detectable in women who had even lower doses than the men." Her view is that there is no

such thing as a safe level. "What do you mean by safe?" she said. "Nuclear authorities tend to assume that the effect of these low doses is so small that it is undetectable, but that does not mean that it is not there."

made her swear not to invade

his privacy. He would kill her, she says, if anything were written about him.

Offering me a tumbler of gin, Massey draws my atten-tion to an nil painting hidden

behind a drooping pot plant. "I did that when I learnt to paint

while playing Gwen Jnhn. It's my first and last painting. As Edith I didn't, unfortunately, learn to write a novel, but I did

get rather steeped in the role.

for three weeks and were bloody lucky Te filmed in Locerne

with the weather. For two days it rained like I haven't seen rain, which was perfect for the damp, misty sequences. And then the sun shone. I had n

wonderful turret room, blissfully quiet, with a balcony. I felt like Rapunzel, Nn... I

felt exactly like Edith. God

knows what I'll become when I

dn my next part. I'm to be Gnneril in David Hare's au-

tumn production of King Lear,

and I'm so excited, I could get

Edith, in one of her most

passionate speeches, declares: "My idea of absolute happi-

ness is to sit in n hnt garden all

day, reading or writing, utterly sale in the knowledge that the person I love will come home

to me in the evening — every evening". How does this com-pare in Massey's ideal? "Oh mine is having friends to

dinner, followed perhaps by n

little bop. I love cooking. I'm n

marks as I prepare to leave, "I

must mention that Edith never

sees herself as a victim. People

have grown fed up with women

as victims. The Jean Rhys

woman belongs to the past. We

don't have to be victims any

Val Hennessy

"Incidentally", Massey re-

bage Delia Smith fan."

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Hope and the true romantic

A nna Massey has the sort of voice that Shakespeare would have said made heaven drowsy with its harmony, and flowed languorously on like a brook. "It was a very dear man friend of mine who first said I must start reading Anita Brookner's books", recalls Massey.
"They are so subtle, so intricate, so passionate, and I think I feel true empathy — though I never quite know what the ward means — with ber She takes a deep breath, stares with grave, slightly protuberant, eyes and the brook begins mexpectedly to babble: "Anyway, I was chatting to my TV producer friend Sne Birtwhistle and I told her she must read Anita Brookner.

All for love: Anna Massey

spinster writer of romantic fiction, is in social disgrace and has been bundled off by friends to a melancholy Swiss lakeside hotel where, it is hoped, she will reflect apon her recalcitrance. At the hotel she is drawn reluctantly into the lives of her fellow guests and into romance of a sort.

Massey points out that
Edith is the quintessential

1980s career woman. "Like all Anita's beroines she is very much a middle-class woman of today. She's successful, independent, intelligent, witty and above all she is not ashamed to admit to the importance of romance in her life."

ere Massey claps her hands and gives an anexpectedly hearty chuckle. "I'm all for roman myself. Not half. Edith has a wonderful speech in which she says: 'I cannot live without love. I cannot think or act or speak or write or even dream with any kind of energy in the absence of love. I feel excluded from the living world. I become cold, fish-like, immobile. I implode'. These are my nwn

feelings exactly."

Then, anticipating impertinent questions about her romantic circumstances, she continues: "I believe that the single woman's greatest struggle is keeping optimistic. There is no romance in my life at present, alas. Oh, that there was. One still goes on haping that one will walk into a room

and he will be there. But it's largely a question of juck after one's twenties, isn't it? Yet one's energy and capacity for romance are just as strong as ever in mid-life. In fact there's a most wonderful line on this very topic in Anita's novel Family and Friends. Adjusting rimless specta-

cies she reads: "To suppose that those whn are sexually inactive are also sexually inarticulate is a grave mistake, but one that is made with disheartening frequency". Quite so sighs Massey, adding that she occasionally

experiences a dread of becom-ing spinsterish. She was mar-ried "for a brief space of time" at the age of 29 and made her acting debut at 17. Both times. she feels she was far too

marriage, and not many people realize she has a grown-up son, called David. He has

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THE TIMES DIARY

both sectors.

past 35 years.

But such timid thinking has caused the number of dwellings

available for rent to shrink from

6.3 million to 1.7 million over the

No one wants to take away the

rights of existing tenants, or wants

tenants with new lettings to be

liable to increases in rent or to

eviction at the whim of an

unscrupulous landlord. What is

needed is a step-by-step process.

rather like trade union law reform

Building societies and other

financial institutions, together

with housing associations, can

contribute in reviving private

renting, given the right conditions.

it possible for responsible land-

lords to secure a reasonable return

from rented property. The supply

will then increase and tenants

themselves will benefit. It is

There is an amazing debate going on concerning the question

whether judges should be permitted, or even encouraged, to make speeches on matters of public

concern, to take part in television

and radio programmes, and to

And I call the argument

"amazing" because the thrust of it

is in favour of such a development.

whereas I would have thought that

anyone who values his sanity

would be concerned to ensure

that so far from judges being

allowed to weigh in on any subject which takes their fancy, they

should never be permitted to open

their mouths off the Bench for any

purpose more controversial than

to say "Thank you" to the leader of a Scout patrol which has helped

them across the road, and indeed

that even when on the Bench they

should be obliged to confine

themselves entirely to a limited

range of the simplest possible

expressions, such as "Five years".
"Costs against the plaintiff" and

It all began with a circuit judge

the calls himself a "mere" circuit

judge, but there is nothing mere

about his views, let alone the

language in which he expresses them) named James Pickles, who

has more than once been rebuked

by the Lord Chancellor for talking

out of turn, and is in danger of

removal from the bench for

threat which he met with a letter to

Lord Hailsham in which he de-

clared that he was "appalled" that Lord Hailsham should threaten

him with dismissal, and con-

cluded with a counter-threat of

making "representations to both

Houses of Parliament and the

Judge Pickles's cause has now

been taken up, not only by fools;

the prospect of a seething mass of

chartering judges seems, even to

some normally sagacious observ-ers, to be perfectly acceptable.

Well, it doesn't seem acceptable to

me: nor does it seem so to Lord

Hailsham, who has now formally

set out the case against the notion,

pointing out in doing so that he

was only following in a long line of

holders of his office who were

opposed to it, and that every lime

the judges in general were asked

their views on the matter. a

substantial majority were of the

opinion that things should stay as

picture of what would happen if

the prohibition were to be lifted.

there is one point on which the

critics of the present system do have a powerful argument to

deploy. It is that although Britain's

constitution insists on the separa-

tion of the judiciary from the

executive, we put up with the anomaly of the head of the

judiciary being a Cabinet minister

(and simultaneously the Speaker

The law officers in the House of

Commons are in a similarly

impossible position, but these

have always solved the problem in

of the House of Lords).

Before I paint a blood-curdling

they are.

"judicial misbehaviour"

Usher, shut the windows".

write articles in newspapers.

The aim should also be to make

Flying spokesman

As British Airways strives to fly the Ilag to Northern Ireland on Monday despite the Loyalist protest strike, spare a thought for its head of puolic affairs. David Burnside Tea years ago he was a familiar figure in the Protestant workers 15-day general strike which toppled a power-sharing government. He cut his PR teeth as aide to William Craig, leader of the now vanished ultra-right Vanguard Movement. He stood in the 1982 Stormont Assembly elec-tions against lan Paisley." I am no more embarrassed about my private political persuasions than my colleagues who support the SDP or the Conservatives." he said vesterday. "Unionism is a legitimate political force in the United Kingdom." But no. he would not say what he thinks of Monday's

Garel-Jones

It was just too good to be true: a Communist with a party badge made by Carner. That is what we were told about the Spanish wife of Tory whip Tristan Garel-Jones ... hat I am now reliably informed that this is untrue. Far from being a Communist she is a Catholic. Our apologies to her and her husband for the distress this must have caused.

Inviting trouble

Police will be on hand tonight outside the Oxford Union as demonstrators gather to protest at the absence of a speaker from the African National Congress at a debate on South African economic sanctions. So incensed is the Oxford Anti-Apartheid Campaign that it is organizing a separate meeting in the City Hall with speakers from the ANC and Swapo. All of which vexes the union president. Jeva Wilson, herself of Sri Lankao extraction and founder-member of a sports boycott campaign. The ANC was the first outfit she invited to speak - but refused because the union was "elitist".

When we die, may it be in Waltham Forest, in north-east London. Listed in the telephone directory under "Libraries" is the local mortuary, while the twn cemetries come under Recreation Services".

Pop star

As the disgraced Marcos skulks in Hawaii, a reader tells me of the time his glamorous wife Imelda visited their son, Ferdinand ju-nior, at the £4,380-a-year Benedictine Worth Abbey School in West Sussex. Imelda was having a chat in the headmaster's study. "A loud pop was suddenly heard from the room, and Imelda's bodyguards stormed in, guns drawn. A

BARRY FANTONI



"The good news, Bery L is that you can work past your retire ment age. The bad news is that you've just been expelled'

Foreign flood

Lambeth council, which plans to

rename Streatham Baths the Mangaliso Sobukwe Pool after the Pan-African Congress founder, and a further 27 local landmarks after foreign worthies, has a further wheeze in store. Baylis Road - named after Lilian Baylis. founder of the Old Vic - will become Maurice Bishop Road. named after Grenada's late Communist leader. Indeed, so many local names are vanishing that the building with the name closest to home may soon be Alexandre Dumas Library.

• Why was the Union Jack flying npside-down (the distress signal) above the Sadler's Wells Theatre yesterday? A plea to the City to save it from closure threats. director Stephen Remington ex-

No brief

Oxford will never be the same: Lord Goodman, defender of the famous for the past 50 years, tells me he is to retire this year as Master of University College, a post he has held since the mid-1970s. The good news is that he is writing his memoirs, from which he expects to make a fortune. "I have thought up about 17 titles already." he says. "everything from I'm On Mr. II or [because he is often latel to a biblical quotation. A Time for Laughter." Goodman adds: "It will be longer than the Encyclopaedia Britannica." Revelations? "I never remember anything confidential about anyone." I look forward to his definition of confidential.

Time to reform rent law

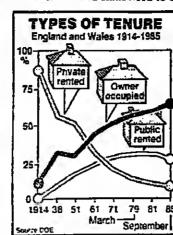
Rented housing needs a new John Patten calls for a step-by-step repair direction. Public and private landlords must again be seen to be of the damage to rented housing

respectable; that means reform in caused by legislation of the last 20 years Even to mention possible changes to the rent acts, it is believed, can be political death.

bizarre to have empty flats and houses next to people who are homeless.

This will work - to the benefit of the homeless, those moving jobs, and the young seeking their first job - only if the private rented sector can be insulated as much as possible from political swings. We must explore whether there is a basis for agreed reforms. We do a disservice to the whole community if we allow the private rented sector to continue to be a political football.

We also want to encourage a wide range of solutions to the problems of public rented housing. The sheer size of most municipal housing authorities is daunting. The average local housing authority new manages 12,000 dwellings; some have many more. Their management inevitably produces bureaucratic remoteness. There should be new management methods: decentralization of local government housing departments, diversification, the transfer of management to local trusts, housing associations or tenant cooperatives. Private-sector resources and skills need to be



brought in to assist with refurbishment and management problems. There are already good examples of how well these new

approaches can work. In Rochdalc, a tenant management cooperative has taken over all responsibility for running the Cloverball estate, which has 249 houses. On the Woodchurch estate in the Wirral, a private developer took on the rotten central core of the estate and converted unpopular maisonettes into attractive houses, for sale to former tenants and other firsttime buyers.

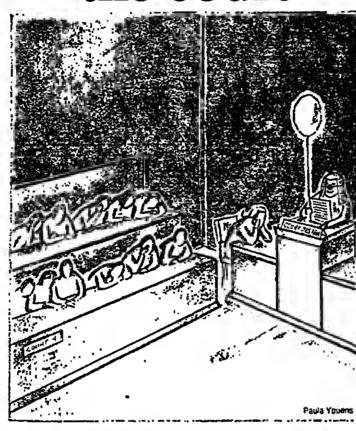
The message is familian smaller is generally better. The landlords and management of the future must operate with smaller groups of houses and flats, in close touch with the tenants and responsive to their needs.

During the past 50 years there has been a quiet revolution in home ownership. The revolution will continue, but a matching improvement in rented bousing is badly needed.

The author is Minister for Housing, Urban Affairs and Construc-

Bernard Levin

My verdict: silence outside the court



a commendably pragmatic way: they behave like the most servile party hacks, and pretend they don't. The Lord Chancellor, however, is a judge, and for all the history that lies behind his dua function. I have never been able to see it as anything but an outrage.

I now find myself in the rare position of agreeing entirely with Lord Hailsham. I am not particularly concerned about Judge Pickles, who seems quite capable of looking after himself (1 will lay generous odds, if he is unfrocked, that he will shortly he found standing for Parliament under the banner of the Alliance): the prospect, however, that opens before us if Lord Hailsham or a successor to him should weaken on this point is so dreadful that it must be faced now.

Even as things stand, the amount and nature of irrelevant judicial comment from the bench. usually but not invariably in the form of object dicta, is enough to cause nightmares. How many litigants in divorce cases have sought a decree and received in addition (and sometimes instead) a detailed critique of their morals? How many convicted criminals have had to listen to a lecture as

courtrooms have resounded with the bombination of bees from judicial bonnets, let loose in the knowledge that no apiarist present will dare to take the swarm?

But that is the situation now and in court; what is proposed is that the judges should have the right to air their opinions up and down the land, to commit them to paper in the form of published articles, and to speak them on television and radio. Have you any idea of what would happen if the proposal were to be accepted?

It would start with speeches at public events. Here, Mr Justice Bun will advocate the return of capital punishment: there. Judge Currant will denounce the idea of Channel Tunnel: anon. Lord Justice Saucer will urge repatriation of Commonwealth immigrants: next. Judge Teapot will insist upon a complete reshaping of the educational system; sooner or later. Lord Chief Justice Lane will be heard demanding a specially heavy sentence for men convicted of rape who have pleaded not guilty.

Then, the newspapers. At first it will be confined to complex points of law and judicial reminiscences; but it will not stop there. In nolong as their sentence? How many time the judges will be foaming at

the mouth about (or even from) fluoride, they will be insisting that compulsory seatbelts are an infringement of our liberties (or that they are not), they will be demanding the resignation of Cabinet ministers involved in Westland controversies, they will be criticizing CND, the repertoire at the National Theatre, the failure of the government to control public spending, the activities of the Militant Tendency, the EEC's common agricultural policy and Prince Charles's taste in architecture, dinner-jackets and slimming

Next. it will be Dial-a-Judge. Just as politicians, eager to get themselves before the public, will answer any question from a reporter who telephones them, so the judges will be reported as saying what they think of the Post Office. Gower's cricket captaincy, Denis Thatcher's feelings about a possible third term for his spouse, the man who kept nine boaconstrictors in his bedroom and Mary Quant's knickers.

But the full horror of the plan will be seen on television. They will infest Question Time and drive poor Robin into an early grave with their opinions; they will take walk-on parts as themselves, in sitcoms, like Harold Wilson: they will interview talking dogs and sing with Des O'Connor in Christmas specials; and, most dreadful of all these dreadfulnesses, they will appear on coat shows, where they will make puns, essay risque jokes, fawn on pop-singers whose knuckles brush the ground as they walk, and ask Selina Scott, with a roguish smile. what she is doing after the show.

Stop this horror now; before it starts. However much and however often I have criticized judges. have never wavered from my belief that a visibly impartial and independent system of law is crucial to a free society. But this remoteness, even of inhumanity, in the judges and their work.

The only excuse for a judge with opinions is that he refrains from expressing them; the moment he steps into controversy, or even indicates that he has views, all respect for the law itself will collapse, as the public abruptly realizes that the august figure, wigged and robed, who embodies the rule of law and its truly vital function as the foundation of our liberties, is only a daft old geezer with funny clothes who thinks that pubs should be made illegal and that all homosexuals should have their whatsits cut off,

Having expressed unqualified support for Lord Hailsham, I may perhaps be permitted to offer him some advice. It is to sack Judge Pickles. pour encourager les autres. at once; the opinionated bencher will not suffer, for he will most likely be offered a bookcontract with Sidgwick and Jackson for an advance of £100.000. But the cause of justice will be made more secure.

Luck or skill in Reagan 'triumph'?

Washington The Philippines had long threatened to be the Reagan administration's nemesis. It is now seen by many here as one of President Reagan's foreign policy triumphs. Coupled with the recent ousling of President Duvalier of Haiti, it has drawn widespread applause across

hopes that a new sure-footedness may prompt Washington to look afresh at other unsavoury regimes such as Chile's. Delight at the Philippines dénoucment - evident on the face of George Shultz, the secretary of state, as he announced recognition of the Aquino government - is that much keener because of the

unexpectedly swift and bloodless

the political spectrum, and raised

outcome. The administration certainly had enough warning of the impending crisis, and had made exhaustive contingency plans. But there was always the fear that however well coordinated reaction here was to swiftly moving events in Manila, the US would be unable to influence their course: that opposition forces would become stridently anti-American, as in Iran and Nicaragua.

Many things worked in Washington's favour: America's special relationship with the former colony, giving it an extraordinary influence over Philippine politics: unusual unanimity in Congress and the White House on what should be done; close knowledge of the Philippines and its people.

coupled with a common language survive and the communist inand many shared democratic values built up over 100 years; an unusual interest among ordinary Americans, generating more tele-vision coverage than most other foreign policy issues: the existence of a stable Philippine middle-class: an influential Catholic church, and the generally non-violent nature of the Filipinos

To its credit, the administration although emotionally tilted in favour of a strong, friendly anticommunist - had begun to press Marcos insistently over the past six months to make those reforms that the US knew from experience were essential if democracy was to



Schultz visibly pleased

surrection be defeated. It was American pressure that

pushed Marcos to call the election that led to his downfall. And apart from a clumsy mistake by Reagan in attributing election fraud to both sides (which may in itself have galvanized the Aquino forces), the president's advisers kept their balance, kept up the pressure and finally, dragging Reagan with them. told Marcos what he could not see from inside his palace: that he had to go.

The administration was particularly skilful in preventing clashes between Marcos and his military opposition by warning him that if he attacked General Ramos and descrice minister Enrile, at a time when he could have done so, he would lose all American military aid. That gave time for the momentum of desertions to build, so that Marcos was left isolated.

The suggestion that Washington called the tune is a sensitive one. both here and in Manila. A senior US official was quick to insist on the day Marcos fled that "The Philippines are not an American colony. We couldn't snap our fingers and ordain events." Diplomatically that may be true, but the US did ordain events in a way it has rarely been able to, in any other large country, without direct military intervention.

The US was therefore drawn into the crisis until it became a key factor in finding the solution. But

relief that things turned out well conceals the new and very real danger that they may yet go wrong. Washington is still more heavily engaged than it would like

Parallels are being drawn with what happened in Vietnam after the assassination of President Dicm, when one pro-American government succeeded another. and none could quell the communist insurgency. Could the US. in its eagerness to help Mrs Aquino. get sucked in with offers of weapons, military advisers and eventually US troops? The US will certainly be under heavy pressure to help her overcome the daunting problems facing her nation.

Negotiating an exit for dictators is a tricky business. Washington is already being criticized by France especially for keeping Duvalier out while letting Marcos in. The Reagan administration is not now looking for any more refugee dictators. Hopes that the US, in its satisfaction that for once its good intentions were not misunderstood, will pursue more vigorous policies towards Chile. Paraguay, South Africa. South Korea and elsewhere seem premature.

The Philippines and Haiti were special cases, where American interests were especially engaged. Unless he completely loses control at home. General Pinochet of Chile has nothing to fear from the Marcos example.

Michael Binyon |

David Watt

Even blacker and whiter

Time is running out for South Africa. How often one has seen that cliche. And yet how impossible to avoid it again in Johannesburg last week. A weight of impending thunder now hangs over the country and the locks of the approaching storm are spread all round the horizon.

It is not altogether easy to spot them from London because we are diverted by our historical perspective, and by wishful thinking. President Botha's speech at the end of last month seemed like a genuine advance. Who, we ask ourselves, would have predicted five years ago that the central prop of apartheid - the pass laws would be knocked away by July 1. 1986? Surely this must herald the crumbling of the system? One more push from the international bankers may be necessary, butan era of a genuine dialogue between blacks and whites is about to

There are quite a lot of South Africans, particularly in the business community, who are des-perately trying to persuade themselves to see things in that light, and their spirits are buoyed up by the present good state of the

economy.

Others simply don't choose to think about the future at all. The lush shopping centres of northern Johannesburg are full of sunburnt white housewives pushing their prams around without a care in the world and not a black in sight. At the Sandton Sun Hotel - an edifice of stunning vulgarity complete with a vast golden atrium. free-floating lifts, and cascading walls of water - two or three hundred teenagers were deposited from parental Mercedes for a club dance. They were apparently oblivious to the fact that a mile down the road, in the squalid township of Alexandra, the black population was picking up the bodies and broken glass after one of the worst riots of the last decade, and the security forces were still dragging schoolchildren

Who wants to blame the white kids for enjoying themselves? Certainly not I. Nevertheless, Alexandra is a better indication of the real situation in South Africa

than Sandton.

off to detention.

That reality is the new polarization of black and white; after years of mere bitterness, people are actually beginning to hate each other. On the black side there is a mixture of mounting impatience, frustration and anger, particularly among the young. The prospective abolition of the pass laws bas already been discounted. What matter are the remaining perennial grievances - terrible education and housing, high unemployment, constant police harrassment. These are now allied to a much more explicit demand for political advance than ever before. The debate, in other words, has moved beyond apartheid to the fundamental question of power, and it is being conducted in much more violent terms than

ever before. A story told me by a black leader illustrates the point. A black post office repairman comes out of a house in Soweto, where he has

been mending a telephone, to find his van's tyres let down and a crowd of 18-year-olds stanoing around it. They demand to know why he is supporting the "system" by his work instead of boycotting it. He tries to explain that they themselves may need that telephone in an emergency. But in the middle of his protestations a brick hits him on the head and knocks him out cold. He is savagely kicked on inc ground and left. A bystander fetches a doctor and he is eventually carted off to hospital, but meanwhile the good Samaritan has been badly beaten up for not leaving the victim to die.

Other pieces of evidence of the new mood abound. There are the horrifying burnings of suspected informers, the roaming gangs of 15-year-olds terrorising 10-yearolds into joining demonstrations, the trade union thugs beating up backsliders, the increasing difficulties of moderates like Bishop Tutu and Dr Motlane and above all the refusal of the ANC leadership in exile to try to moderate any of these trends.

On the white side, the militancy is not quite so dramatic, and actually notice a new mood of resignation in some of my Englishspeaking and liberal Afrikaner friends: "Black majority rule will be here in 10 years. It will be pretty awful, but there's not much we can do except try to avoid a bloodbath

and hope for the best." The more general reaction has been a shift to the right and a hardening of resistance to change among the Afrikaans-speakers on whom the Nationalist government relies. The right-wing Conservative Party continues to make headway. There is general agreement that the security forces are out of effective political control; since they tend to be commanded by extreme right-wingers, they often seem deliberately intent on resisting compromise and causing the maximum of confrontation.

What is to bridge this widening gap? The abolition of the pass laws will not do it nor will one year's moderate economic prosperity. The orderly process of black advancement and constitutional evolution which old-fashioned moderates espouse will not serve any longer either.

If the country is not to slip into more and more violence, into circumstances in which the longterm future cannot possibly be settled on equitable terms, the South African government will have to start negotiating very soon about the sharing of power. That implies not just facing (as President Botha has still not faced) the prospect of losing complete control of the country, but also allowing representative black leaders to emerge with whom negotiation can take place. This means, in other words, releasing Nelson Mandela and other de-

tainees and unbanning the ANC.
It is a measure of the pace of events that these moves, which even a year ago would have been regarded as extravagant, have now become the minimum price of staying on top of the precipice. Whether they can possibly be made is a question I will discuss

moreover . . . Miles Kington

A poursuivant without peer

Through the vineyards the weary traveller walked, up the dusty track between fields of grapes. He had never seen grapes growing before but he paid them no heed. so weary was he from his long journey, a journey which had started several days before at Heathrow Airport and was now coming to a close thousands of miles away in New Zealand.

He knocked on the front door. Then he rang the bell. Then he hit the door as hard as he could, but no one came. Finally, a man leant out of an upstairs window.

"What the hell do you want? I'm trying to get some kit." "Are you Angus Mackenzie, master of Ballantrae Wines?"

cried the traveller. "Yes I am, and if you're from the excise people you can clear off."The traveller permitted him-self a brief smile. "Not quite, Mr Mackenzie. I am from the College of Arms in London, England. Men call me Poursuivant Herald

Extraordinary. "Do they now? And what do they call you for short?" "Well. Pours, actually," admit-

ted the traveller, "but that's not the point. I am here to tell you that you are next in line to the title of Earl of Ardblair and the Forests. Now that the late Earl is dead, you are the 11th Earl! My Lord," he

Some of us. given such a message would feel an unwilling awe. Others might laugh in disbelief, tinged with pleasure. Angus Mackenzie did neither. He had a beart attack and died.

"Dear Lord," groaned Pour-suivant Herald Extraordinary. "Now it's all to do again."

Through the pine trees the weary traveller climbed, up the stony track towards the lone croft. He had been travelling for days, on a journey which had started in New Zealand on a remote grape farm and was now about to finish in the outer reaches of Perthshire. Poursuivant was about to come face to face with the 12th Earl of

Ardblair, one Fergus Mackenzie. He walked between fields of

neaps growing before and hoped he never would again. Quite frankly, he was getting fed up with visiting far-flung outposts of the Commonwealth. He boped the new Earl would be young and live a long time.

You are Fergus Mackenzie?" he said to the young man hammering in a post by the croft. I am, and if you're from the excise about the neap wine, I can

explain everything . . . "No. no." said Pours wearily. wondering why all heirs dabbled in alcohol. "I am from the College of Arms in London, to tell you that you have inherited a title. You are the 12th Earl of Ardblair! My Lord.""No kidding!" said the young man. "How come?"

"The previous Earl, who was a wine-grower in New Zealand, has just died, and you have inherited the title. "Great!" said the Earl. "Do I get the vineyard as well.?"

"Well. I suppose, seeing as you are the next in line, yes, I hadn't thought about that, yes, I am sure you do." said Poursuivant who in facthad no idea.

"Great!" said Fergus, "I could do with a vineyard. Tell you what. I'll take the grapes, but you can keep the title. I renounce it li's all yours.""You what?" said Pours. Oh, my God."

Up in the lift of the 15-storey tower block in London travelled the weary traveller. He got out at the tenth floor and went in through the door marked "Untraceable Earldoms". He slammed his briefcase on the desk and said to the man behind it. "I resign! I've had it up to here with being Poursuivant Herald Extraor-dinary. I travel the world offering people titles and none of them want them. Tell someone else they've inherited the job!"

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(The post of Poursuivant Herald Extraordinary is now open. Do you like travelling the world and meeting interesting people? If so. write in to the College of Arms. Untraceable Earldoms, tenth floor. Titles House, EC1. Must be fit, bealthy and a bit of a loony.)

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THE NIMROD LESSON

On Tuesday the Ministry of Defence disclosed new plans to sharpen the competitive edge of its suppliers. On Wednesday it put these into practice by imposing a six-month deadline on GEC, still struggling with its radar for the Nimrod airborne early warning (AEW) aircraft, while it looked around the world for other options. On Thursday it threw down the gauntlet to the captains of British industry in a campaign to ensure value for money. So far so good.

For the ministry to have acted in this way is un-questionably right. The questions which must be asked is why Whitehall waited so long. The outcome of the Nimrod saga will inevitably be seen as the test of this new policy and as proof of the Government's resolve. In that case, "too little, too late" is likely to be the epitaph on this week's sudden burst of activity.

Amid all the mutual recrimination that has surrounded the Nimrod affair in recent months, one truth has become increasingly elear. In 1977 when the Government of that day decided to develop the all-British Nimrod to fill the RAF's AEW requirement instead of buying the American AWACS, it made the wrong choice. GEC-Marconi may have been over-optimistic (as the ministry says it was) about its chances of doing the job properly. The ministry may have kept changing its mind about its requirement (as the company says it has). But the conclusion one must draw is that the airframe was too small io the first place to carry

Student politics have long

been quiet. The overheated

attention ooce paid to campus

politics evaporated years ago.

The National Union of Stu-

dents has recently devoted itself more or less usefully to

straight interest-group representation, in the course of

which it has rightly had plenty

to say about students' living

and verbal abuse in univer-

sities is perhaps anomalous.

But the disruption of visitors'

The recent spate of thuggery

standards.

podium.

There were those to whom this was apparent at the time. But there were not many of them in parliament, whose preference for a British solution, with all the implications for johs, foreign exchange and ment it seemed that the right erations.

The fault throughout the Nimrod story has been that noone monitored progress with the eagle-eye that should have been applied to a programme so eostly and so crucial. That difficulties would surface was predictable. Most weapons under development are for aiming at ever-changing targets. It is not much use, for instance, developing a new kind of tank armour if it suddenly becomes elear that the enemy has perfected a new kind of shell which will go

however, it would seem to have been elear some time ago that the aircraft was never going to be as effective as the RAF would like - and that GEC were in difficulties over producing something which the service was even willing to put up with. Yet both sides seem to have hlundered forward in the hope that somehow everything would suddenly start to come right and that if it did not, then it would be too late to do much else anyway.

end with this week's announcement that GEC has six months in which to prove that it can meet the ministry's stated needs. Its international reputation will certainly suffer if it cannot. Each side will bear half of the eost, up to a total shared limit of £50m, while

the ministry assesses the relative costs of abandoning Nimrod and moving to the RAF's preference of an AWACS solution. Nimrod has already cost nearly £900m and will be five years behind schedule if it ever comes into service - while a switch to AWACS will probably remove from the hard-pressed defence hudget anything up to another £800m.

One might ask how it is that the ministry has not secured a firm asessment from GEC before this and why it is that no-one would seem to have sounded out the AWACS cost/availability already, especially as this seems to be the most likely eventual purchase. nine years late. But at least we are now in sight of the denouement. The ministry seems to have found a way out of the pit - albeit at yet further cost.

This week's announcement by the Defence Secretary, Mr George Younger, that the ministry is tightening up its procurement procedures may go some way towards eosuring that the Nimrod story will not be soon repeated. A reduction in the system of mterim payments - under which firms have in the past received up to 100 per cent of their costs before completion is long overdue. But we will need to see even this small reform in action before we believe it.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

the freedom of the Press to report the proceedings, but to withhold the name of the defendant — with

the option, as now, of removing

reporting restrictions.
While we are about it, we should

also put an end to the unfair and

objectionable practice of publiciz-ing to the world that some

offender, whom the media have

deemed "newsworthy", has com-pleted his or her prison sentence

and is going to try to start a new life. The newshounds who camp round the prison gates on these occasions, so that the buoted

indvidual has to be smuggled out,

Shielding victims in rape cases full reporting of committal proceedings could prejudice a fair trial, but the Criminal Justice Act 1967 got it the wrong way round. It would be a better safeguard of

From Mr Martin Wright Sir, Yes, it is an anomaly that rape defendants' names should not be published (reports. February 17,18.20,22). The solution, as Professor Nigel Walker has previously advocated, is that no one's name should be dragged through the mud before he or she has been proved guilty. Io West Germany, even the scandal rags refer to defendants only by their initials; their reporting loses nothing in salaciousness, if that is what some

of our newspapers are afraid of. In Sweden the same practice is followed, with the commonsense exception of defendants who are so well known that anonymity is impossible; I understand that there the principle is upheld, not by law but by the journalists' code of ethics.

In one way, however, we have too much restriction. Twenty years ago it was recognised that

Bilingual learning

attention (report, February 14) to the shortage of Russian textbooks but it is only one small indicator of

a much larger issue which you have failed to report on: the

almost complete deafness to the

needs of bilingual learners and the myopie policies towards languages education at all levels in the

The world is multiliogual; the UK is now multilingual. However,

we have had no lead from the

Department of Education and

Science on criteria for adjusting

the curriculum to the needs of a

lo a stalwartly monolingual

educatioo system it is oot surpris-

ing that the Secretary of State recommends that "mother-

recommends that "mother-tongue" teaching should be left to

families and community groups.

His predecessor even issued an official DES paper ("A Framework for the Curriculum") which used the phrases "modern

multilingual society.

country.

languages" and "European languages" synonomously: his From the Headteacher of North advisers had perhaps not noticed Westminster Community School Sir, Your Education Corresponthe world's other modern languages! dent is right to draw readers'

demean only themselves.

Yours sincerely.
MARTIN WRIGHT.

19 Hillside Road, SW2

The problem is not really the shortage of Russian textbooks: indeed there are oo Arabie text-books for the secondary level at all, and yet we should certainly be teaching Arabic today. The real trouble is the failure to consider the languages of the world in education and to build on our marvellous riches of bilingual ehildren in many schools.

Many of the young bi- (or even

tri-) lingual students in this school put monolingual anglophooes like me to shame - as I venture to suggest they would many of your readers. Why is there oo national policy about bilingualism in education?

Yours sincerely. MICHAEL MARLAND, Headteacher, North Westminster Community School, Marylebone Lower House,

Penfold Street, NW1. February 15.

Water charges Barristers' fees From Mr Timothy Lawrence

From Sir Anthony Alment Sir, I wonder if Eldoo Griffiths (February 17) is right in thinking that the majority of British people will welcome paying for their water, like gas and electricity, oo a metered commodity basis.

Having been amongst the small minority of domestic users with a metered supply for 26 years I have been able to calculate the gross inequities resulting from my charges based oo rateable value.

If ever there was an example of hidden taxation hy one user subsidising another that was one. Sectioo 30 of the 1973 Act required elimination of such discrimination by 1981, and although my (Anglian) water authority met this deadline by introducing a two-part tariff for water, the changes for sewerage rates were not completed until

Metering has only been recommended to customers if they can see that as an advantage. The redistribution of costs between all kinds of users is bound to increase the cootribution from lower-rated bouseholds: is it really likely the majority will welcome metering to discover their fair share? Yours faithfully,

A. ALMENT, Winstoo House, Boughton, Northampton. February 18.

onstrate how cricket can be played to the proper enjoyment of all

concerned. One likes to think that example might have some beneficial effect. Yours faithfully. ALAN HEWITT,

Hawthorns, 102A Westhall Road, Warlingham. Surrey. February 25.

> From Mr Ivan Lawrence, QC. MP for Burton (Conservative) Sir, Since the BBC and ITV are refusing to pay for coverage of the English cricket tour of the West Indies, does this not mean that Winston Churcbill's Bill against TV violence is already have a beneficial effect? Yours fait bfully,

IVAN LAWRENCE, House of Commons. February 25.

Hidden reserve of Cornish tin

From Professor Emerius J. Sut-

sufficient un concealed below Cornwall to maintain current

production for 200 years the country has an asset not to be

Sir, One or two days' production of North Sea oil and gas is worth as much as a year's production of tin from Cornwall. But if there is

sneezed at, as valuable as a year's North Sea output. Within the EEC only Britain and the Iberian peninsula have tin. The USA has virtually none. We know only three ways of mining tin: find alluvial deposits, the debris of eroded lodes; follow

lodes exposed at the surface downwards; search for concealed lodes underground. To find concealed un deposits is as difficult as locating oil. We have only recently learnt the art. For 99 per cent of the time Cornish tin bas been worked there was oo way of doing this. The postwar revival of tin production in Comwall results from industry's use of

diamond drilling, geochemical and geophysical prospecting to

locate deep lodes previously unattainable. Costs in this new venture have been correspondingly high, In due course every other tin field will have to follow Cornish enterprise or go out of business as deposits exposed at the surface are exhausted. Their costs will rise as they, too, are driven to seek

concealed tin lodes.

If there is a large concealed resource of tin below Cornwall it should be workable at a profit for much of its life. At present we do not know the extent of tin mineralisation below south-west England, though geophysical evidence indicates that granite, the source of lodes, extends at depth from Dartmoor to the Scillies.

We should have the courage to take a long-term view of Cornish mining. The last decade was profitable, but the outlook for the next decade is bleak. Why oot regard the next ten years' mining as exploration of a national resource? Supplement this by pooling all geological knowledge of south-west England to establish how much tio may be present. Yours faithfully,

Imperial College of Science and Technology, Loodon SW7, February 26.

Tax returns From the Chairman of the Board

. SUTTON.

of Inland Revenue
Sir, By relying on a second-hand
report, Mr Jones (February 21) has misuoderstood and misreprescoted what I actually said. I did not say that "results" had no bearing on the promotion of tax inspectors. I said that the Inland Revenue did not set targets in money terms. Indeed, this would be flatly contrary to board policy.

inspectors are promoted on their overall performance and their personal qualities io handling the cases they deal with. There are no targets for yield, and promotion does oot and should not depend on the amount of tax collected.

The department's job, and hence the inspector's job, is to assess the amount of tax properly due under the law, not to achieve some pre-determined cootribution to Government revenue. Yours sincerely,

L. AIREY, Chairman. Board of Inland Revenue. Somerset House, WC2, February 24.

Odour of sanctity

From Mr M. G. Olizar Sir, Whitehall's proposals to rationalise the Sunday trading laws may well result in local authorities exercising "local

It is to be hoped that none of these authorities will emulate the then Holborn Board of Works who were reported (The Sunday Graphic, June 17, 1275) as spraying Leather Lane on Sundays with a mixture of water and carbolie acid. The ensuing odour was meant to discourage street trading. Yours faithfully, MICHAEL GEORGE OLIZAR, 60 First Avenue, Mortlake, SW14. February 23.

Commission just a few weeks ago.

for the most part the system has worked well. International trade

disputes have been, and still are

being, settled in an effective and

plain in a study by the United almost always ambassadors and States International Trade

constructive manner. In fact, the vast majority of all the panel reports submitted to the GATT Council have been adopted and their recommendations carried I might add that it is the attempts to settle trade disputes

outside the GATT system that is the real problem; for the most part, with some political commonsense, the GATT dispute settlement system can do its job well. Yours faithfully. AKE LINDEN,

Legal Adviser to the Director-General. General Agreement oo Tariffs and

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ON THIS DAY

FEBRUARY 28 1933

The burning of the Reichstag was undoubtedly the work of an arsonist. The identity of the perpetrator/s is still a subject of controversy. In September, 1933 n controversy. In September, 1933 n
commission of inquiry in London,
presided over by an "international
committee of jurists and lechnical
experts", found that the German
parliament building had been set
on fire by or on behalf of the Nazi
Party. In December four
communists, together with
Murinus van der Lubbe, o feebleminded Dutchman, were brought
to trid. The communists were

to Irial. The communists were acquitted; van der Lubbe was found guilty and executed on January 10, 1934.

REICHSTAG ON FIRE

INCENDIARY ACT SUSPECTED

From Our Own Correspondent BERLIN, Feb. 27 A fire broke out in the Reichstag a 9 o'clock to-night - the eve of Carnival - and spread rapidly. By 9.30, when 10 fire brigade units were at work, the large central cupola was burning fiercely, but an hour later the outbreak had been prought under control. The fire is believed to have been the act of an

ncendiary. Your Correspondent, who by chance was passing the Reichstag shortly after 9 o'clock, saw the central dome surmounting the rectangular Parliament Building, with its four corner towers, blazing furiously - a beacon which must have been visible for miles. The main seat of the fire was in the large wood-panelled Parliament Chamber beneath the dome. The entrances and lobbies were unscathed, only the vanguard of the great force of firemen and policemen which afterwards arrived were then there, and your Correspondent, making his way into the building, found the central Chamber a mass of flames reaching high up into the dome. The Speaker tribune, also constructed of wood, blazed furiously. Captain Göring, the Nazi Com-

nissioner for the Prussian Minis try of the Interior, arrived at this noment from the Speaker's official residence nearby, and made bis way to the blazing chamber, over which he had presided in two short-lived Reichstags. On the way he pounced on a newspaper man telephoning to his editorial office and this man was considerably startled by the appearance and sharp questions of his massive captor. Satisfied after a few searching mestions that his centive was not an incendiary, Captain Göring ordered the expulsion of the Press the Reichetne

SIMULTANEOUS OUTBREAKS The police officers on duty

within the building stated that the fire had broken out simultaneously in four or five different places including the cellars. They stated that a man had been arrested within the Reichstag, and that the first cursory examination had suggested that he was a Dutch mmunist. in the course of the next 20 minutes fire-engines from all parts

of Berlin came tearing through the Tiergarten, and bundreds of police in lorries and on horseback arrived and cleared the streets. The firemen quickly ran hoses through the main entrances and lobbies and ladders up the outer walls. There were over 50 engines in the immediate vicinity of the Reichstag, and masses of water, some of it from the Spree, which runs past the building, were pumped into the central chamber. In a short space of time the worst of the fire had been overcome; the glow paled from the dome, leaving a smoking and smouldering metal framework and clouds of sparks. which went drifting over the Tiergarten. By 10.20, when Herr Hitler, the Chancellor, and Herr von Papen, the Vice-Chancellor, arrived to inspect the blackened wreck of the main chamber, the fire as under control, though there is still some anxiety for the dome.

The Telegraphen Union reports that about 20 different centres of fire were discovered, consisting of partly-burned rags and wood shavings. The heaps of material had apparently been set on fire with a torch. A policeman who was on duty before the Reichstag at the time of the outbreak relates that he saw behind a pane a figure moving with a torch and fired his revolver without apparently hitting any

Meaningful terms From Ms M. Duncan Hollowood

Sir. Estate agents sometimes aebieve miraeles of understatemeot. I once looked at a bouse where the garden, a wilderness of has-been flowerbeds, listing pergolas, crumbled potting-sheds and other ecological niehes, was described in the literature as "seasonally overgrown". Yours sincerely, MARJORIE DUNCAN HOLLOWOOD.

Blackmoor Paddock, Shamley Green. Surrey.

From Miss Kathorine Butler Sir. Should any of your readers think to picnic at a civic amenity site near Wareham, Dorset, let them be warned — they will find the district rubbish dump. Yours faithfully. KATHARINE BUTLER. 3 Hardy Road.

February 20.

the weight of all that the RAF wanted. national prestige was elear and unequivocal. To the Governdecision had been taken, bearing in mind all the different, sometimes conflicting consid-

In the case of Nimrod,

Such fatalism came to an

VIOLENCE IN THE LECTURE HALL tual vandalism as dangerous as any other effort to truncate learning and the exchange of opinion. That is why the treatment this week Professor John Vincent at Bristol University is, if anything, worse than the harrying of Mr

Carlisle and other MPs. Professor Vincent's extracurricular activities are irrelevant. Preventing his teaching about late nineteenth century politics was to disrupt the instrument of higher educatioo itself, the academic lec-

speeches and lectures cannot ture. therefore, as some vice-chan-The response of the univercellors might wish, be set on sities has shown a due concern. one side. The conditions in The circular on freedom of which speech is possible reach speech and lawful assembly, to the heart of academic life issued by the vice-chancellors itself. The very act of teaching, in December, deserved its rethe very acquisition of knowlissue this week. It states, edge, depend on silence in the lecture hall, and respect for the appropriately, the practical difficulties of policing large and open campuses and the An out-of-hours talk by an vulocrability of studeot meetaccomplished politician (Mr ings to incursions from out-John Carlisle deserves no less side. (There is little doubt that a title) is one thing; if billed as the attack oo Mr Carlisle at Bradford had nothing to do

a public meeting the rules might stretch to allow at the most some heckling. But a private meeting on a campus deserves the fullest internal with students.) Yet writing elegant codes and dealing with complicated situations are different things. There can be no general protection. An academic lecture has absolute privilege.

vatives to impose a statutory duty on universities to maintain discipline is futile. Events yesterday in Leicester where Mr Carlisle was speaking showed the value both of good local planning, involving a police presence, and good relatioos built up over time between university authorities and studeot organizations. There was a demonstration; it would be a bland campus where there was not ooe. But it did oot interfere with Mr Carlisle's unchallengeable right to speak.

The mettle of other vice chancellors has yet to be tested. York University is bringing legal suit against its student unioo, a case that may well establish useful precedeuts. At Bristol it is oow the duty of Sir John Kingman and his colleagues to ascertain who subjected Professor Vincent to assault. If the culprits are Bristol studeots, no leniency should be shown and no excuse of juvenile ir-responsibility should be considered. For until the uoiversities are seen to be using the powers which they undoubtedly have to maintain academic order they must continue to suffer unwanted public attention.

prescriptions, which is why the Disruption is an act of intellecattempt by backbench Conser-

MR GANDHI'S HARD ECONOMIC ROAD

Fehruary 1986 will be remembered as India's month of awakening. Until now the euphoria generated by Mr Gandhi's much praised economic liberalisation has clouded any appreciation of the eosts involved. Both in India and abroad the changes have been welcomed and many have even allowed themselves to predict that India's promised transition to the 21st century has begun. But the recent demonstrations against rising prices in Bombay, Calcutta and Delhi and the 10,000 arrests outside parliament have dispelled that cosy illusion.

Traditionally in India, political parties have pursued populist policiesand symbolic gestures. Socialism with its sempting allure of equality has so far proved irrestible. In its name taxation has been raised, government extended, individual initiative stifled and the myth of collective public sector endeavour created. Yet far from securing salvation these policies have nurtured India's predicament. When he came to power in 1984, Mr Gandhi inherited iodustries that were overmanoed and unproductive, a black market that was ceaselessly fed by the lack of opportunity outside it and a tax structure so severe that it crippled the innocent.

It was to tackle this that Mr

Gandhi adopted his economic policies. On the personal level he reduced taxes, abolished death duties and placed bank interest outside the exchequer's reach. The aim was to give the individual the full benefit of his hard earned salary and savings. At the corporate level Mr Gandhi sought 10 encourage production. He liberalised import restrictions, listed licence requirements in several key growth sectors and committed his government to a five year fiscal policy which would assist husiness development.

What Mr Gandhi's policies amount to is an attempt to secure economic growth, led by the private sector, which will percolate downwards to alleviate the general wretchedness of India's population. To do so they rely on individual or corporate enterprise encouraged by government policy. They are therefore a form of Indian capitalism even if for understandable political reasons Mr Gandhi cannot admit

The problem, however, is that whilst such policies make sound economic sense and are probably the only way to cure India's malaise, they conflict with the political reality of the country. The immediate advantages accrue to a five per cent minority. They are the beneficiaries of tax cuts; they

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will be the business and professional classes in whose favour disparities will at first grow. The hurden, however, will hit everyone equally; which is to say that in the absence of any compensating gain it will hit the poor disproportionately.

Last May when Mr Gandhi altered the balance of taxation away from direct to indirect payment it was the urban working classes that were hardest hit by the price jump. This month when prices rose again to reduce the massive trade deficit created by the new import regime the same people were first in the receiving line.

Not surprisingly, the opposition have been quick to exploit the resulting discontent. lo the process they have helped to delineate the political costs that Mr Gandhi's economic policies entail. Last week's demonstrations are their result and if Mr Gandhi sticks to his policies there are bound to be more. Worse still the disaffection may also spread through his party, many of whose members have grown fat on the opportunities for graft pre-

viously available. In walking down his chosen economie path Rajiv Gandhi runs grave political risks. He is showing courage. It is important that he succeeds. He deserves the support of all India's friends.

Sir, With what quaint logic does Mr Lincoln (February 21) seek to beguite your readers? If the legal professioo requires rationalisation (a view with which I agree) and the public are entitled to the best advocates, surely it must follow that the public, who are to pay, may choose who they think is the best advocate rather than being told by Mr Lincolo who that is to

The call to the Bar does oot, I regret, bestow any marked skills of advocacy. My own observatioo is that a few barristers are excellen advocates, many are adequate and a oumber are abysmal, even with an incomprehensible grasp of the English tookue.

Solicitors already deal with the overwhelming volume of advocacy throughout the length and breadth of the land in the magistrates and county courts and before tribunals and do so to general public satisfaction. Perhaps the public rather than the Bar should be asked if the area of this satisfaction should be allowed to increase. But after all, the successful solicitor always has to seed those cases that he is too husy to deal with to a barrister, so Mr Lincolo will always be occided! Yours faithfully. TIMOTHY LAWRENCE.

Claude Hornby & Cox, 35 & 36 Great Mariborough Street, W1.

Cricket violence From Mr Alan Hewitt

Sir, According to your Cricket Correspondent (February 24) the West Indies were technically guilty oo February 23 of bowling more than 100 no-balls which, if called, would have swelled the England total to over 250. So, as the England captain suggests, perhaps the difference between the two sides is not so great as the scores indicate.

It is a matter of regret that Botham, and to a lesser extent Thomas, should have been disposed to adopt tactics similar to those deployed by their oppo-

gents. I venture to suggest that during

the remainder of the tour or until such time as the umpires apply the rules. England should refrain from even the occasional use of the "bouncer" and in this way dem-**GATT** diplomacy

From the Legal Adviser to the Director- General of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade Sir, Sarah Hogg's commentary (February 17) oo the prospects for the next round of GATT multilateral trade negotiations did considerable disservice to panelists who attempt to settle disputes between trading nations under the auspices of the General Agreement. To refer to "junior embassy staff" serving on panels "in the intervals between meeting dignitaries at airports" is both unfair and, quite simply, wrong.

There is no greater concentra-tion of expertise on GATT law than here in Geneva; it resides in the missions of the contracting parties and in the GATT secretariat. The experts chosen, by the disputants themselves, to sit on dispute panels are economic specialists with a wealth of knowledge and experience of GATT.

The chairmeo of the panels are

other panelists are regularly senior officers. In many cases they have repeated postings to Geneva be-cause this kind of diplomatie work is extremely complicated and countries need the most effective representation they can get.

The commentary states that the panel decisions "do nm build up into a proper body of case law On the contrary, the work of these panels over the past 38 years has given us an international commercial jurisprudence unequalled in scope — and certainly unique in nature. It is contained in some 30 or so volumes. Today's panelists refer back to cases as much as 20 years old and I have little doubt that in a few years from now tomorrow's panelists will be looking back at GATT case law being

It is true that the GATT dispute settlement procedure has had its problems in receot years - any procedure of this kind can be improved. However, as was made

created now.

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The night sky in March

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE February 27: The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, President of the Royal Bath and West and Southern Counties Society. this morning attended a meeting of the Council of the Society at The Showground, Shepton Mal-

let. Somerset. Her Royal Highness was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Somerset (Lieutenant-Colonel Walter Luttrell).

Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Gibbs was in attendance. The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, this afternoon foured and opened the new premises of Polameo Limited in Locksbrook Road, Bath, Avon. Her Royal Highness was re-ceived by Her Majesty's Lord-Licutement for Avon (Sir John Wilis, Bi) and the Chairman of Polameo Limited (Lieutenant-General Sir John Cowley, GC). Mrs Richard Carew Pole was

in attendance. KENSINGTON PALACE February 27: The Prince and Princess of Wales this morning visited Project Fullemploy's Lambeth Training Project at the Brixion Enterprise Centre, 444 Brixton Road, London, SW9,

Mr J.T. Pearson and Miss Z.M. Barton **Forthcoming**

Captain J.T. Jackson The engagement is announced between Jolyon Jackson. The Royal Green Jackets, youngest son of Sir Thomas Jackson. Bt. and Lady Jackson, of Rousen, Ennerdale, Cleator, Cumbria, and Serena, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs David Howell, of Albert Bridge Road, London,

marriages

Mr R.J. Conran and Miss K.C. Smiley The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Lieuten-ant-Colonel and Mrs W.A.P., Conran, of The Old Rectory, Risby, Suffolk, and Katherine Cecilia, only daughter of Major and Mrs D.V. Smiley, of the Isle of South Uist, Scotland.

Mr N.H. Fisher and Miss K.E. Eastlake The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs J.N. Fisher, of Sevenoaks, Kent. and Kay. daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Easilake, of Prudhoe, Northumberland.

Mr M.T. Ford and Miss D.A. Taylor The engagement is announced between Mark, elder son of Professor A.G. Ford and the late Mrs Peggy Ford, of Learnington Spa, and Debra, only daughter of Mrs Dee Nash and Mr D. Taylor, of Bristol.

Mr A.P.C. Holmes and Miss L.J. Little The engagement is announced between Adrian, younger son of Mr and Mrs Dennis Holmes, of Kent, and Lucinda, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Little, of The Manor House, Bramcote, Not-

and Miss L.J. Longrigg
The engagement is announced
between Christopher, eldest son of Mr and Mrs John Hough, of Blackheath, London, and Laura, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs

Mr J.J.Y. Madsen and Miss F.M. Murray The engagement is announced between James, younger son of Brigadier and Mrs Peter Madsen, of Mayfield, Sussex,

Mr J.A.G. Milward The engagement is announced between Justin, only son of Mr and Mrs Roderick Milward, of Backwell Down, Backwell, Avon, and Sarah, elder daughter

MEMBER OF THE BRITISH

FUR TRADE ASSOCIATION

Mrs George West and Mr David Royeroft were in atten-

His Royal Highness President. Business in the Community. this afternoon opened the Business Centre of the Walford Enterprise Agency, North West-ern Avenue, Colne Way, Watford. Hertfordshire.

Mr David Roycroft was in

The Princess of Wales will altend a reception al Cardiff City Hall on March 3 to mark the launch of the Lifeline Wales Campaign of the Kidney Research Unit of Wales Founda-

Save the Children Fund shop at Chesterfield on March 3 and visit the Midland Railway Trust Station at Ripley. She will visit likeston Park for lunch and the Charnos factory to mark its golden juhilec. Later she will open the new design block at Reni College, Long Eaton, and visit Birkins lace factory at Borrowash.

The Princess of Wales. President of Dr Barnardo's, will visit the Hull Family Centre. Holderness Road, Hull, on

The Prince and Princess o Wales will visit The Sobriety Albert Dock, Hull, on March 5.

Mr J.W. Sillem

ton, of Camberley, Surrey.

The equinox, when the Sun will cross the celestiat equator from south to north, will be at 20d22h, but equal day and night will occur a day or two earlier.
British Summer Time will
begin on the 30th, when 01h
GMT will become 2am BST. The engagement is announced between James Theodore, youn-GMT will continue to be used in ger son of Mr John Pearson and Mrs Jill Flower, and Zena Mary. these notes unless otherwise stated

elder daughter of Commande and Mrs Peier Barton. Halley's Comet passed perihelion on Feb 9th and is now receding from the Sun, but at the and Miss D.R. Hamilton
The engagement is announced same time is getting nearer to the Earth until next month. It is between Jeremy, younger son of Mr and Mrs A.L. Sillem, of also moving rapidly south, but for the first few days of March it Deal. Kent, and Diane, younger daughter of the late Mr F. Hamilton and of Mrs I. Hamilwill be above the horizon in the

United Kingdom,
Shortly before 06h (an hour before sunrise) it will be just

Inferior conjunction will be on

into Sagittarius. Moon near it on the morning of the 4th.

Jupiter is nominally a morn-

ing star but is still too near the

Saturn rises in the early hours

and by the end of the month will

do so just before midnight, It

will be stationary on the 19th and still close to Antares. Moon

near it on the 3rd and on the 30-

Uranus will be rising between 03h and 01h. It will be in the

same binocular field as Mars on

the 13th, a faint greenish object

in contrast with its bright red-

tween 04h and 02h.

Sun to be observable.

the 16th.

Mercury should still be observable at the beginning of the month, when it will be setting nearly two hours after the Sun but fading rapidly. Venus is an evening star but hardly noticeable at the begin-ning of the month. On the 81b it (Magnitude -3.4) will be a little to the south of Mercury (+1.0), and thereafter will become eas-Mars will have an average rising time of 02h this month, and will pass from Ophiuchus

below the two westernmost stars of Capricornus (see July map), true bearing 1250 (ESE), alu-tude between 70 and 100. With dish neighbour. Neptune will be rising below altitude, the presence of the Moon and the already brighten-The Moon: last quarter, 3d12h; new 10d15h; first quar-ter 18d17b; full 26d03h. Algol: approximate times of evening minima are 17d23h and ing twilight, observation will be very difficult, so unless the reader is a natural early waker it s not worth the effort; don't set the alarm clock!

The Halley event for this month is the arrival of the European Space Agency's space-craft Giotto. It was launched on July 2, 1985, and should pass close to the nucleus of the comet on the 13th. It is boped that during its four-hour passage it will be able to transmit photo-graphs and other data before its very possible destruction. Two Russian craft will visit the comet a few days earlier and there is also a Japanese one on

the way. Readers will have gathered from press and telvision that the Uranus project mentioned last month was a great success. From the planet itself evidence of the composition of its atmosphere was obtained, also a

magnetic field, and confirmation of the previously uncertain

A number of rings were added to the known nine, and at least six new, though very small, satellites added to the wellsatellites added to the well-known five. Some surface detail was found on the latter. The gravitational field of the planet changed the orbit of Voyager so that, hopefully, it will reach Neptune in August 1989.

In the early evening at this time of year the night sky is probably at its brightest. Of the 20 or so brightest stars visible in our latitude at 8pm, Antares and Altair have gone, but in another hour or two Arcturus and Spica will have come. All the rest are there, although Vega and Deneb are so low on the northern horizon that they can hardly call hemselves "present"

There are no bright planets visible as Venus will have set and the others do not rise until aftermidnight. Enjoy the sky while you can, particularly during the dark of the Moon over the first 12 days.

Among those present were:

Mrs Renion, Mr Cermens N Nathan, (AJA, President) and Mrs Nathan, M Vatile Clips (Romanism Ambacador) and Mrs Rathan, M Vatile Clips (Romanism Ambacador) and Mrs Clips (Romanism Ambacador) and Mrs Caviv, Mr Clyde Bertyman (American Embassy), and Mrs Raviv, Mr Clyde Bertyman (American Embassy), Sr David Miers (Forelyn Office), Mr Gaven Lightman, CC, and Mrs Lightman, Sir Alan and Lady Marre, Mr Richard Most), and Mr Richard Most.

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Luncheon

Southern Africa Association The Southern Africa Associ-ation beld its annual meeting and luncheon at the Charing Cross Hotel yesterday, Mrs Lynda Chalker, MP, was the guest of honour, The guests at the luncheon were received by Mr P.D.O. Liddell, chairman.

Reception

English-Speaking Union The High Commissioner for The Gambia and Mrs Sarr were reception arranged by the En-glish-Speaking Union at the Chesterfield Hotel yesterday.

Dinners

Needlemakers' Company The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs, were the guests of honour at the annual dinner of the Needlemakers' Company held last night at the Mansion House. The Master, Mr J.A. Miller, with the Wardens and their ladies, received the guests. The speakers were the Lord Mayor, the Master, Judge Sir James Miskin, QC, Recorder of London, and Mr J.D. Foster.

Admiral Sir Lindsay Bryson, President of the Institution of Electrical Engineers, presided at the annual dinner held last night at Grosvenor House. Mr James Prior, MP, and Mr Robert Alexander, QC, Chairman of the Bar Council, were the principal speakers. The Lord Mayor of Westminster was among others

Sir Graham Rowlandson Margaret's, Westminster, yesterday. Canon Trevor Beeson officiated. Mr Gordon Coates and Mr Richard Rowlandson, son, read the lessons. Lord Boyd-Carpenter gave an ad-dress. The Rev A.C.C. Courtauld and the Archdeacon of London led the prayers. The Lord Mayor attended. Among



tin. Lady (Charles) Norton. Dan Anne Bryana. Sir Annoid France. S Douglas Dodds-Parker (Conservation of Council). Vice-A miral Sir Ian and Lady Hosa. Si Henry and Lady Phillipa. Lady Hosa. Si Henry and Lady Phillipa. Lady Riche Mr Donald Stringer (representing Difference of Organization, Consevative Central Office), Mr K F Difference of Charles Diring Calot. Mr J McLeod (director. S Girahmet Chrocola Conservative Central Office), Mr K Palmer (director): The Master of the Paystors of Company with the Conservation of the C

mand, also spoke.

dean, presided and Admiral Sir Peter Standford, Commander-in-Chief, Naval Home Com-

Plant growth observed by scanner By Bill Johnstone, Technology Correspondent

The mysteries of plant growth are being nuravelled in the United States by researchers harnessing magnetic resonance-imaging technology, a technique normally used by doctors for The imaging technique probes the substance being studied by positioning it at the centre of a body scanning.
The findings of the American

researchers will help plant experts to simulate the conditions for increasing growth. The work is being conducted by General Electric Company at

its research laboratory in Schenectady, New York, in partnership with the US Department of Agriculture.
Using magnetic resonance the team is studying the structure and the operations of the roots of living plants. With the scanner a picture of the soil and its

container is easily constructed,

enabling the scientists to watch

the roots grow and the plant absorb water without it being disturbed.

powerful magnet capable of producing a field of 1.5 Teska, 30.000 times the strength of the Earth's magnetic field. The radiowaves make the atoms of the object ander study vibrate. Those resonant signals

to produce the scanner picture. was first published in the January edition of Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

The scientists used broad beans

are then processed by con The work of the research team planted in a variety of soils including sand, vermiculite, per-

Scans taken after 30 days showed clearly the lower parts of the plant developing. The res-onant images were able to trace the rooting network as it branched into deeper soil.

The transport of water was

also studied by the GE research-

ers. The plant was exposed to simulated smilight for several hours. Periodic scans showed water moving from the cot-yledons to the leaves and stem. To trace the water path in a 12-day bean seedling, its root

was intimersed in a tracer solu-tion of copper sulphate. Images were then taken after the plant was exposed to strong light. After an hour the researchers could see the path of the tracer as the plant drew water through

Sale room

European rugs back into fashion

By Geraldine Norman

Sale Room Correspondent Needlework rugs, whether embroidered in Europe or America, seem to be enjoying 2 new vogue and it was the turn of a Russian example to run far beyond presale estimates in a Bukowski sale in Stockholm vesterday.

Dating from the first half of the nineteenth century, it is embroidered with interlocking lozenges of fruit and flowers, rather in the manner of a patchwork quilt. A Swedish dealer paid 215,000 kronors (estimate 80,000-100,000 krs) gan was then Principal. or £20,000 to acquire it. It measures 268 by 200cm.

The sale of Russian art recorded a number of unexpectedly high prices. A portrait of a young woman seated in a summer garden with a violin under her arm by the turn-of-the-century realist painter Ilya Repin sold for 180,000 krs (estimate 80,000 krs) er £16,774.

An armchair in an exotic St Petersburg version of the Empire style sold for 35,000 krs (estimate 8,000 krs) or £3,256.It is veneered in exotic wood with the arms supported by bronzed and gilded swans and the back is fringed with gill acanthus leaves. It is dated to about 1820.

A French dealer stepped in to bid a pair of candelabra, formed of glittering crystal droplets supported by an ame-thyst glass stem and a white marble base, to 170,000 krs (estimate 50,000krs) or

In London, Christie's sale of fine English furniture was well Royal College of Pathnlogists Professor Barbara Clayton, President of the Royal College of Pathologists, entertained at attended with prices running much in line with expectations. The new popularity of Edwardian satinwood was again underlined with a pair of chairs, their openwork backs and legs painted with sprays of dinner last night at 2 Carlton House Terrace, Mr Kenneth House Terrace, Mr Kenneth Clarke, QC, Paymaster General, and Mr Barney Hayhoe, Minister for Health.

Anglo-Jewish Association A dinner was held at the Royal Commonwealth Society by the Anglo-Jewish Association last night for Mr Timothy Renton, Minister of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. Among those present were: summer flowers and peacock feathers, selling for £5,400 (estimate £3,000-£4,000); a matching twin chairback set-tee made £4,104 (estimate £2,000-£3,000).

The top price in the sale was £8,640 (estimate £3,000-£5,000) for an early George III serpentine mahogany knee-hole desk, bought on commission for a private collector. The sale totalled £343,558 with 7 per cent left unsold.

Library buys

Lord Goff of Chieveley gave the Tippett music The British Library annonnced yesterday that it has Club held at University College purchased a group of musical manuscripts from the Michael London yesterday evening. Among those present were: Tippett Musical Foundation. the manuscript of the largescale choral and orchestral work, "The Mask of Time". Already widely performed, it is to be played by the BBC

Hodgson, Professor and Mrs J.S. Read, Professor and Mrs J.S. Read, Professor E.C. ter, Dr G. Pazzi-Axvorthy, chairen of the club, and Mrs worthy. Service dinner RN College Greenwich

Symphony Orchestra at the Festival Hall on Sunday. It A dinner and reception was held last night at RN College Green-wich to mark the conferment of was composed between 1980 and 1983. which go to join the major collection of Tippett manunology and radiological protec-tion. Professor J.R.A. Lakey,

There are six other items scripts bought by the British Library in 1980; they included almost every work of his mature output.

University news

Grants

Arthritis and Rheumatism Council: £54,707 to Professor ME Grant and Dr J McClure for research into the mechanisms of chondro-ossification in repair-ing Achilles tendon.

Medical Research Council: research into the organisation and expression of class t HLA genes, £49,160 to Professor I Isherwood to study nuclear magnetic resonance.

Science and Engineerigng Re-search Council: £572,038 to Mr iD Cotham, Professor CB Jones and Mr TN Nipkow for development of an integrated project support environment.

Westminster Choir School As a result of the recent voice trials, choral scholarships have been awarded to the following.

Robert Lewis (Crammore School Leatherhead, Surrey). Philip Kar Thomas London Day School, London, Swy). Daniel Lynch (Bramptor Inlants School, London, E6), Stephe O'Brien (St. Mary's RC Primar, School, London, Sey). Mr Andrew Seaman (Guardian Angels Primar, School, London, E3).

ing companion; he was a man who put a lot into living and made the most of life, active and energetic in all he did. with a keen sense of the fun of their sons in their great grief. Mr Geunady Andreyev, the Soviet Union's Ambassador

February 25, Tass news agency reported. He was posted to Addis Ababa in March, 1985. Professor David Steel Anderson, who was Emeritus Professor of Accounting and

Business Method in the University of Edinhurgh, died on February 11 at the age of 83. Sir Alfred Lassam Goodson, Bt, who succeeded his father as second Baronet in 1940. died on February 17 at the age of 92. He was Master of the

be past. The hearts of his friends indeed go out to Mary and to

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FURNITURE. CERAMICS College Valley Foxhounds from 1924 to 1981.

OBITUARY CANON DOUGLAS WEBSTER

College and St Peter's Hall,

Oxford. After preparation at

in the parish of St Helen's.

World-wide evangelistic ministry

The Rev Canon Douglas in different parts of the world, Wehster, DD, Canon relating the gospel to the Residentiary of St Paul's from 1969 to 1984, and a notable developing problems of the younger churches. From 1957 to 1965 Webster evangelist and theologian, died on February 28, aged 65. exercised a remarkable itiner-He was educated at Dulwich ant ministry, lecturing in all

Wycliffe Hall he was ordained theology in a way which both * deacon in Liverpool Catheinstructed and inspired. As Theologian-Minister of dral in 1943 to serve as curate the CMS he became known in He moved to Christ Church, Crouch End, where virtually every diocese of the

six continents. He seemed

able to present basic Christian

Anglican Communion.. Bryan Green, as vicar, was When he left the Society to leading a vigorous evangelistic become Professor of Mission ministry. In 1947 Webster was appointed Lecturer in Theolat the Selly Oak colleges in Birmingham, it was recorded ogy at the London College of Divinity, of which Lord Cogthat the job he had done had been unique.

In 1969 he was appointed Canon Residentiary at St From that time on, evangelism and theology became the Paul's, occupying the offices first of Precentor, then of twin themes dominating his Chancellor. Through his preaching he continued the thought and activities. Within the fellowship of the Church Missionary Society, of which dual ministry of theology and evangelism; he could still he became Education Secretravel widely to lecture. He retired in 1984. tary in 1953, they found notable fulfilment. Max Warren, then General

He was author of numerous books and articles, of which probably the most influential were In Debt to Christ and What is Evangelism?. In these he revealed his sense of rapid-Webster a man who could be ly changing world conditions commissioned to travel to and their effects on methods centres of missionary activity of evangelism.

al charm and effervescent

Gradually the office became more and more a busy centre

where celebrities met in in-

creasing numbers all through

the war and afterwards, and

her entertaining description of

these years in her book Meet

me at the Savoy, published in

1952 with a foreword by

Danny Kaye, went through 18

Less successful was her

amusing newspaper, which she called The Savoy Stan-

dard, written mainly by Amer-

ican journalists resident in the

Savoy, as it incurred a reproof

from Lord Beaverbrook on

the grounds that it was a breach of warrime regulations,

and its publication was dis-

Miss Nicol, among whose

many friends A.P. Herbert was one of the foremost, left

the Savoy in 1949 after 11

years there, and with be-

husband settled in a small

cottage in Cornwall, growing

editions.

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MRS DEREK TANGYE

Sir Hugh Wontner writes: With the death on February personality. 22 of Mrs Derek Tangye, a long and successful literary partnership with her husband, the author Derek Tangye, which produced so many charming books about their rural life in Cornwall, has

Secretary of the Society, was deeply conscious of the need

for evangelism to be undergirt

and reinforced by lively theo-

logical inquiry. He saw in

come to an end. Before she was 20 years of age, Mrs Tangye, then Miss Jean Nicol, had started her career as a journalist on the Daily Mirror, answering, as she said, the cries of the lovelorn under the pseudonym of Dorothy Dix.

A year later she went to the Savoy, as a junior member of its Press Office, and not long afterwards, at the outbreak of war, the departure of the senior staff left her unexpect-

edly in charge. At that time, most of the representatives of the American press, sent to London to report events, had settled in the Savoy, as being near to Fleet Street, and Jean Nicol's Press office began to assume a unique importance, which was

early flowers and writing greatly fostered by her person- chiefly of their rural life.

BRIG PHILIP CUDDON Brigadier Philip B. Cuddon, CBE, MC, who has died aged pts from the Michael Wusical Foundation, and among them is script of the large-ral and orchestral of his company.

CBE, MC, who has died aged aged aged Western Command. From 1943 to 1949 he was Commandant of the Army Technical School. Beachley, and later, as hrigadier. Precision of his company. Commanders' School and was

Born in 1897, the eldest son of Basil Cuddon, an actor and barrister, he joined the Artists' Rifles when he was only just 17. and by the end of the war he was an acting brigadier

before he was 21. He served in the Army of the Black Sea with the Hampshire regiment, and later in Egypt and Germany...

In the Second World War be

sions Board. On retirement he became Adjutant of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, for 12 uears.

Unusually handsome and a fine horseman, he was also a gifted amateur actor with a

lifelong interest in. and knowl 😥 edge of, the theatre. He married in 1922 Joan Cummings who died in 1973. Of their two sons, the elder died of wounds in the North commanded a Company African campaign.

living as well as of its serious

Of Anthony as a mountain-

eer I cannot speak. But his

devotion to the mountains

words. It was also the focus for

some of his closest friend-

family life that Anthony re-

underlay his strength and

firmness. He was the centre of.

and was sustained by, a closeknit and loving family. The

mountains had over the years

claimed the lives of not a few

of his friends, and his wife,

Mary, must have lived with

the fear of losing him in the

It speaks volumes for her love for Anthony and her

strength of character that she

did not allow this to interfere

with his enjoyment of an

activity which meant so much

to him. It is a cruel irony that

this accident should have

happened at a time when the

same way.

ica city E

It was especially in his

vealed the tenderness that

SIR ANTHONY RAWLINSON

purposes

RTA writes:

commitment.

Anthony Rawlinson, whose tragic and untimely death on Snowdon you recorded on February 24, was not just one of the ablest and most effective civil servants of his and central to his life; and it generation: he was an upright lay too deep to be expressed in

and admirable man. In all that he did, as a civil servant or otherwise, he acted with clarity of mind and expression, meticulous attention to accuracy and to detail, robust firmness and determination of purpose, and unswerving integrity and

He could be an exacting

colleague: he did not spare

others in demanding the same high standards as he set himself. But that was com-hined with a capacity for friendship in his personal relations which ensured that the respect in which he was held was accompanied, for those who were close to him, by warm affection. He was a good friend. utterly dependable and staunchly loyal in his friend-

most strenuous and perilous ships. He was also a stimulatphase of his life as a mountaineer must have seemed to to Ethiopia, died suddenly on

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and Mrs J.F. Thompson, of Penwortham, Preston, Lan-cashire, and Fiona, youngest daughter of Major J.F. Mac Swiney, of Wootton, Abingdon, Oxfordshire, and the late Mrs K.L. Mac Swiney. Dr J.P. Vessey and Miss E.C. Nicholls The engagement is announced between Phillip, son of Mr and Mrs R.F. Vessey, of Bottesford, Scunthorpe, and Elizabeth, daughter of the Rev M.S. and Mrs Nicholls, of Tunbridge and Miss L. Brend The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs W. Weissenberg, of West Wickham, Kent, and Lesley, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R.H.J. Brend, of Exeler, Devon. Marriages Mr C.A.L. Arnold

and Miss T.A. Quartermaine terday at the Temple Church of Mr Charles Arnold, son of Sir John Arnold, of Little Horse

Professor Alan Peacock and Mr Michael Clarke to be members

Birthdays

Mrs Linda Parkhill, a chartered accountant, who has been appointed to the council of the Institute of Taxation. Mr Richard A. Hoffman to be joint registrar for the districts of Bangor, Caernarfon, Conwy and

Phillips, 44; Sir Ronald Radford, 70; Professor Sir Stephen Spender, 77; Sir Michael Young-Herries, 63. LEAP YEAR ANNIVER-SARIES: Mr Joss Ackland, 58; Mr Mario Andretti, 46; Shri

Institution of Electrical Engineers

> Memorial service Lord Home of the Hirsel was represented by Mr John Stokes, MP, at a service of thanksgiving Rowlandson held at St



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Television

Curious class of pursuit

When the SDP was launched under the gournet segis of Roy Jenkins, it became known in some circles as the Wine and Cheese Party. The constituency that The Fishing Party (BBC2) would tike to represent is somewhat different: an identikit of their ideal citizen would be a rather obtuse Empire loyalist who was properly spanked in child-

This Forty Minutes documentary was first proposed by its most egregions subject, a builish, late-thirties, half-million-a-year commodity broker ("We're selling something we naven't got in the anticipation of buying it back cheaper")
named Guy Cheyney, who
suggested filming the fishing
trip that be and three pals took in the Pentland Firth last October, hot on the trail of the world's largest skate: the unspeakable in pursuit of the righly edible.

them knew, at the time the film nuit was recording the expedi-tion itself and the toney "lifestyle" clips at their houses, clubs and businesses, that the footage would be nverladen not just with their platitudinous political opin-ions but also with radio news bulletins about unemploy-ment, South Africa and the Tottenham riots.

This crude device worked only once, when Mr Cheyney commented "The British are very, very loyal . . . [the rioters] will always believe in their country." - an observation which wins my Golden Ostrich award for purblind naïvety. A later shot of the bumble boatman monching his miser-able Wonderloaf sandwich while the gents scoffed Inbster claws on the heaving deck seemed in gild an already nverdecorated lily. What the programme needed was a confrontation between these paradic Blimps and what journalists call "real people": those, in other words, who do not fit into a trite division of nobs and yokels. But perhaps essay never meet them.

Cinema

Invention and skill blossom out on a shoestring budget

Out of Order (15) Cannon Tottenham Court Road

Car Trouble (18) Cannon Oxford Street. Panton Street

Shaker Run (15) Cannon Oxford Street

Forbidden (PG) Cannon Baker Street

In Out of Order the disaster movie meets the Kammerspiel. Its Swiss-born director Carl Schenkel claims that he arrived at his subject by asking himself what would be the cheapest kind of story to shoot. He came up with the idea of four people trapped in a lift, and from this developed the story with the writer Frank Göhre, who has since turned it into a novel. Inevitably the film did not turn out

quite as ebeap and simple as it promised: you cannot conveniently get a cemera crew into an ordinary lift, and studio sets had to be built. Yet, even after escalation of the cost through obligatory inconveniences like studio fires and pregnant leading ladies, this taut little drama was acheived on a budget derisory in comparison with the minimum re-quirements of any Hollywood production. There is always satisfaction - as well as a salutary lesson for our own film industry - in productions like this which work through inventiveness and skill rather than the buge casts, scenic display and special effects of an Earthquake or Poseidon Adventure.

With a rowing boat rather than a ship of fools, Schenkel observes the familiar conventions of the style: the four people trapped in the lift of an office tower all prove, under extreme stress, to be rather different from their first appearances. There is a successful executive whose confident superiority collapses, and his girl-friend whose disillusion in the man is the subjects of this curious confirmed in this night of conficement. A pathological, anti-social

Stagecoach) a reserved and respectable little man turns out to be a

fleeing embezzier.

There are no surprises, but Schenkel sustains the interest with progressive character revelation and well-managed suspense sequences including all the traditional devices of fraying ropes, disintegrating machin-ery and hand-to-hand struggles above

the abyss of the lift shaft.

His four principal actors admirably meet the demands placed on them: and people who enjoy historical connections will like to know that Gotz George, who plays the executive, is the son of Heinrich George, a legendary figure of German film history. Rotund and moustached, Heinrich George first appeared on the screen in 1913, is perhaps best remembered as the foreman in Metropolis, but later worked in Nazi propaganda films like Hitlerjunge Quex and Jude Suss. He died in a Soviet prison camp when his son. named after one of his favourite stage roles, was eight.

Entrapment also figures in Car Trouble, whose pièce de resistance is a long sequence in which a pair of foroicating adulterers find them-selves inextricably trapped in the act by a muscular spasm. With the corollary of the crowd that gathers to admire the spectacle, this is a favourite and venerable sexual anec-dote, though it has probably never before appeared on the screen.

Schoolboy rudery plays a large role in what turns out as spiced-up sit-com. It is possible that the writers. James Whaley and A.J. Tipping, originally had larger ambitions. There is a real effort to detail the suburbia of semi-detacheds, garden gnomes and the Sunday rituals of lawn-mowing and car-cleaning. The problems of a discontentedly married couple. on the verge of middle age, mostly arise from the aspirations of a media-conditioned lower middle class. She dreams of being a soap-opera heroine; he fulfils bis ambitions when be buys a crimson Jaguar to impress his friends. The car compounds their problems, inciting him to the sin of pride and her to lechery, and providing both cause and setting of the

lady's embarrassing predicament.
The film's essential shortcoming is want of generosity. In low comedy it is necessary to some extent at least to Martin Cropper young punk reveals reserves of love the people as you laugh at them; courage; and (a vague memory of but in this case writers, director



Collapse of confident superiority: Gotz George (left) as the executive struggles with Wolfgang Kieling's embezzler in Out of Order

(David Green, a new arrival from television) and players all convey a deep distaste for the folly, deception and meanness of this couple. Their only redeeming quality is that they are represented by two ordinarily sympathetic players. Julie Walters. her grimacing getting more and more like Hylda Baker, and Ian Charleson, who approaches comedy with a deadpan style which might do well in a kindlier sort of film.

There is more car trouble in Shaker Run. a hit-and-miss action adventure from New Zealand, with an American star. Cliff Robertson. (He has not worked much in Hollywood since he mentioned to the police that a studio chief had forged bis name on a cheque and so embarrassed the movie capital with the much-publicized scandal recorded in David McClintick's Indecent Exposure, a True Story of Hollywood and Wall Street.) A stuntdriving team down on their luck (Robertson and Leif Garrett) undertake a driving assignment for a research scientist (Lisa Harrow) who is making off with a deadly virus in order to prevent its use as a biological weapon. Since her intention is to hand it over to some shady CIA people. it all seems a case of the frying pan and the fire.

Not that the story makes much sense; it is the dramatic New Zealand scenery and the cars that count. Every

possible variation of the car-chase has been explored in the 18 years since Bullitt introduced this tediously durable vogue, and the director Bruce Morrisoo cannot contribute anything new. In the very last moments of the film however he earns points for sheer extravagance with a succession of vehicles hurling themselves lem-ming-like off a cliff edge, to explode on the rocks below.

There is something about teleplays that is unmistakeable. It is not poverty of resources — Forbiddeo is quite ably staged in Berlin locations. even if the smoking ruins of 1945 look like stage sets — but a sense of superficiality and flimsiness in the writing. Directed by Anthony Page, Forbidden is scripted by Leonard Gross from his own book, The Last Jews in Berlin. It is apparently based on the true story of a German countess who hid her Jewish lover throughout several years of the war; but the authenticity of the original story cannot in itself lend credibility to the characters played by Jacqueline Bisset and Jürgen Prochnow, who behave with an indiscretion quite inappropriate to the dangers around them. The film's best moments are provided by Irene Worth as the Jew's fatalistic mother, and an eerie encounter with a professional Jew-

David Robinson

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Patterns of relish

George Russell Logan Hall

Getting on for 40 years after he opened his account by writing a couple of sizzling pieces for Dizzy Gillespie's legendary bebop big band, George Russell is making his first appearances in Britain on a tour which began to an ovation in Bloomsbury on Vednesday evening.

Leading a 14-piece orchesira consisting of three Americans (a pianist, a bass-guitarist and a drummer), one Dane and one Canadian (the trumpeters Palle Mikkelborg and Kenny Wheeler) and nine young Britons. Russell presented a programme covering almost every stage of a rich career devoted to the theoretical exploration and practical celebration of jazz.

En route to becoming one of the most eminent of living jazz composers, Russell invented a system known as the Lydian Chromauc Concept. a set of harmonic blueprints which, although it never gained general currency, gave his music a characteristic tart flavour. More recently he has been propagating something called Vertical Form, to do with the relationship between the music's various layers. He was once a drummer, and Vertical Form has re-empha-sized the rhythmic content of his compositions to such a degree that the most immediately striking aspect of Wednesday's concert was his clear relish of patterns drawn from not only paid tribute to its African music and from rock. Cleverly devised and engag-

pie band book, and travelled forget those through the still absorbing sharpeners. 1950s modernism of the multi-themed "All About

Rosic" before alighting, aston-ishingly, on a piece inspired by a recent record by the New York scratch disc-jockey. Grandmaster Flash. Drums crashed, a guitar howled and synthesizers raged, taking us far from the crisp minial urism of Russell's celebrated Jazz Workshop of the Fifties until the expressionistic tonal distortions of Chris Biscoe's bass clarinet pierced the swirl-

ing murk.
Russell's latest extended work, The African Game, occupied most of the second half, beginning with the soft whirring — like insects in a heat haze — of four small portable pencil-sharpeners beforc resorting to more conven-tional methods of depicting exotic worlds. Between bouts of therapeutic rowdiness, several memorable events occurred.

Mikkelborg used his unimaginably sumptuous tone to construct an enraptured solo accompanied only by occasional guitar phrases; Court-ncy Pine, the tenor saxophonist, overcame his tendency towards youthful overstatement in a ballad section that encouraged the evocation of a calm stoicism; Django Bates executed a lingering synthesizer coda that suggested a vista of endless and immemorial deserts.

As a closing jeu d'esprit, a unison transcription of Miles Davis's solo from the classic "Milestones" was set against an outrageously funky riff, Mikkelborg further distilling Davis's phrases in 5 solo that source but also spoke elo-quently of Russell's ability ingly presented, the evening the gift of a true jazz composer began with "Cubana Be/ — to guide and inspire the Cubana Bop", from the Gilles- improviser. And never wallforget those electric pencil-

Richard Williams

achieves a measure of dignity

Theatre

On the Black Hill Taliesin Arts Centre, Swansea

Can theatre avoid romanticizng the peasant life? No freezng cowsheds, mind, no appalling stenches. On the Black Hill, adapted for the stage by Charles Way from Bruce Chalwin's award-winning novel, is a fairly precious, fairly late contribution to the Hovisland nostalgia-boom; corduroys and braces, derryensemble which Thomas de- featured a nice range of tonemanded, and which was alcolours, complemented by the circular follows.

silky accompaniment which Thomas drew from the RPO's The Jones family in their farmhouse smack on the Wales/England border are a strings in the slow central quasi-Lawrentian bunch: elemental Dad, middle-class accompaniments out of the Mum, hoity-toity daughter and identical twin sons, one of With Thomas safely off the whom shows early his predilection for baking cakes and dressing in Mum's clothes: Dad, unamused, is more concerned with an acrimonious boundary dispute.

The first act has already been worked on since the Made in Wales company opened their tour a fortnight ago, but it still needs cutting, if

in Act II, with the welcome arrival of an historical framework. Two set pieces at the beginning and end of the First World War — a church-hall recruiting drive and a desperately ironic Hail the Heroes fete complete with cripples -bracket the story of twin Benjamin's maltreatment as a fundamentalist conchie: meanwhile, on another part of the stage, twin Lewis (exempted for the duration for essential farm work) winces in telepathic sympathy with every thump of the bullies' fists.

Andy Rivers and Sion Tudor Owen play the identically dressed twins as a kind of umbilical double act, mostly blank and undemonstrative though at times bursting into well-observed disharmony. John Surman turns in a nicely contrasted pair of preachers, the singing and musical accompaniment are finely rendered, and Brian Williams's lighting is resourceful. But Jamie Garven's measured production reeks of sincerity. and sincerity, one might ar-gue, belongs to Arts Centres and not to Art.

Martin Cropper

Opera

Enjoyably breezy

Il barbiere di Siviglia Covent Garden

The spacious severity with which Michael Hampe's pro-duction endows Il barbiere di Siriglia at Covent Garden might seem more suited to Mozart's enlightened humanity than to Rossini's artifice, but it does provide an appropriate context for the new Rosina of Kathleeo Kublmaon.

On Wednesday night she began rather uneasily, perhaps nervous or trying too hard. There were fierce changes of



colour in "Una voce poco fa", and a couple of ill-advised fortes. But then, quite suddenly, the interpretation settled down, and Miss Kuhlmann showed the advantage of making Rosina a child of ber time: a Romantic, capable of the most sensuous strains (notably those addressed to "Don Alonso" in the lessoo scene) and behaving with serious-ness. She retains the option of sheer display, and trickles her voice effortlessly through the oroamentation, but her Rosina is carried forward entirely by feeling and not by flirtatiousness.

Also new to the productioo, and indeed to the bouse, is Mikael Melbye as Figaro. He is a very lyrical rogue, singing with a free. time radiance even though his voice is not enormous. He also beams with a geniality that is nicely unaffected: in a curious way, he keeps his innocence through

all the plotting.

There was also to have been a oew Almaviva, but John Dickie has flu and was replaced by Deon vao der Walt, who sang the role last year when this productioo was new. His light voice sounded insufficiently supported for much of the time; there were moments when he almost broke into a falsetto. But as the opera neared its end he



Kathleen Kuhlmann's sensuous yet serious Rosina

was singing with greater consistency, and it became easier to enjoy his interpretation of the count as a sensitive young man, a very fit companion for this Rosina and this Figaro.

Enzo Dara returns as a Bartolo whose possessiveness is, for once, more grim than foolish, and John Tomlinson is agaio the splendid Don Basilio. Another refugee from the Coliseum Moses, Jane Eaglen, makes a happy house début as Berta, throwing off her aria with lively warmth and confidence. Alberto Zedda, conducting bis own edition, brings the wind forward to eojoyably breezy but closely detailed effect.

Paul Griffiths

RPO/Thomas resuvai riau

Like many conductors with glossy international careers, Michael Tilson Thomas's style is nothing if not visually extrovert; unlike many of them, he is also an outstanding musician. His reading of Mahler's Fifth Sympbony was at all points cocent, intelligent and articulated with spellbinding vividness. The last movement brought the house down. and deservedly so.

Just how good an orchestra the RPO are at the moment was demonstrated by the degree of control of phrasing and

most always forthcoming; a startlingly quick tempo for the Rondo-Finale in no way un-settled them. The Adagietto section. But obviously Pogosounded all the more beautiful relich's intention was simply to get extraneous things like for Thomas's refusal to sentimentalize the music, and the wonderful central Scherzo crackled with life from start to finish, with plenty of heroic stage and the orchestra help-horn-playing and genuine lessly marooned on it, he magic in the quieter moments.

Concert

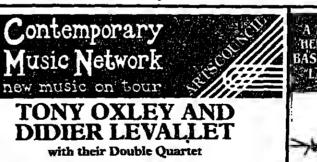
All this was in particularly welcome contrast to a first half which was, shall we say, a strange experience. Ivo Pogorelich's approach to the solo piano part of Franck's Symphonic Variations was relatively free of eccentricities and

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proceeded to deliver not just one but two encores, neither of them in any way exceptionally played. Pogorelich presumably thinks he is some kind of

genius. On this evidence he has some growing up to do. Malcolm Hayes | ago. but it still lices cutting. The piece



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Hanson warning

Hanson Trust's offer document for Imperial published vesterday says that its £2.4 billion offer provides share-bolders with more capital. more cash and more income than the United Biscuits bid." Hanson's chairman, Lord Hanson, warns Imperial shareholders of the danger of UB's share price falling.

But Imperial said that there were no new factors in the document for it to reconsider its rejection of the Hanson bid and recommendation of the United Biscuits bid. UB's bid values Imperial at 317p a share againsi Hanson's offer at

AAH profit

AAH, the distributor of pharmaceuticals and fuel, made a pretax profit of £11.8 million in the nine months tol December 31, up from £6.7 million. Turnover advanced from £358 million to £715 million and the interim dividend rose from 2.668p to

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Dealings halt

Share dealings in Vosper, the marine engineering company, have been suspended. An announcement is expected ioday. Last month the company said that it was winding up its main shipbuilding business in Singapore because of lack of

Mr Lew Cartier, the food retailer who sold his supermarket chain to Tesco in 1979, is expected to make a £36 million bid for Normans Group, the discount Mr Cartier disclosed last month that he had built up 2 9 per cent stake in Norman and wanted to join its board as chief executive.

IBA refusal

The Independent Broadcasting Authority has declined to meet The Rank Organisation to discuss its decision that a Rank takeover of Granada Group would be unacceptable.

Broker sold Uoion Bank of Switzerland

will on Monday become the 100 per cent owner of Phillips & Drew, the stockbroker. At the same time the new group will become the owner of Moulsdale, the gilts jobber. A new subsidiary, Phillips & Drew Moulsdale, will be a recognized gilts market maker, capitalized at £25 million.

Bid talk

There was strong specula-tion in the stock market yesterday that Norton Opax may bid for its bigger printing rival, McCorquodale, Shares in McCorquodale closed 9p

Crucial vote

Williams Holdings confirmed that it will not proceed with its offer for McKechnie if Mckechnie's shareholders vote in favour of the acquisition of Newman Tonks at today's meeting.

Receiver in

Mr Richard Turton and Mr Mr Kichard Lurion and Mr John Collins of the Nottingham office of Spicer and Pegler have been appointed joint receivers of J Barlow & Co (Nottingham), manufacturer of knitwear and socks. The receivers hope to sell the company, which employs 270. as a going concern.

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CBI calls for £1bn action after jobless hits peak

Pressure is growing on the Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, to announce a new jobs package in next month's Budget. The February unemployment figures, published yesterday, confirmed that the underlying jobless trend has turned up

Adult unemployment, after allowing for scasonal factors, rose by 4,800 to a new high of 3,210,100. This followed increases of 17,700 in December and 21,000 in January, In the autumn, ministers believed that the memoral or

believed that the unemployment trend had flattened out. But the rise has averaged 14,500 a month over the latest three months, and 5,000 a month over the past six months. Department of Employment officials said yesterday that the trend was slightly

Lord Young of Graffham, the Secretary of State for Employment, was cautious in interpreting the figures. "The February figures mean that it is not possible at this stage to say whether the higher December and January figures were exceptions or marked a

Mr Peter Cameron-Webb,

the former Lloyd's underwrit-

er who is alleged to have

an advanced stage of negotia-tions for a settlement with Richard Beckett Underwriting Agencies (RBUA), the agency which took over the PCW

The settlement is believed

to include the sale of Mr

Cameron-Webb's house in

man of AUA3, the agency sessed.

appointed by Lloyd's to man-

age the closure of the PCW

Merrill

faces

SE delay

By Our City Staff

Merrill Lynch, the large US securities broking house, may have to delay its proposed entry on Monday on to the Stock Exchange floor because of restrictions being enforced

by the Stock Exchange Coun-

The council has told Merrill

Lynch that once its subsidiary, Merrill Lynch Equities, starts

trading on the exchange, the

parent company must stop

trading in American Deposi-

tory Receipts in world mar-

kets outside exchange hours — at least until October when the

The requirement to stop trading ADRs outside ex-change hours appears to have

as Merrill does. The plan to allow Merrill on

rules are 10 be changed.

syndicates,

of last year," he said. The unadjusted total for April, will be compiled two weeks later than at present,

unemployment, including school leavers, fell, as is normal in February. There was a drop of 25,836 to 3,381,893, or 14 per cent of the work force, compared with 14.1 per cent in January.

The report suggests, however, that the costs varied widely between industries. In metal manufacture the jobs cost the

Government an average of £367,000 each, while in the

clothing industry the cost was £10,000 each.

Cameron-Webb may pay

£1m to Lloyd's agency

subject to court approval, Mr John Wallrock, former chair-

imposed on him by Lloyd's is

due to be heard before Lord

Mr Cameron-Webb's settle-

ment is believed to have the

agreement of bis wife, because

the Long Island bouse is in her

name. RBUA started legal

from Sir Ian Morrow, chair- with damages yet to be as- of the standstill will have to be

both lost ground, particularly

to the mark, in another vola-

tile day in the currency mar-

kets. The pound closed in London below DM3.30 for the

The sterling index fell 0.6 to 74.7, but the stock market

rose, encouraged by improved

export prospects and the like-

lihood of lower base rates next month. The FT share index

rose 11.3 points to a new closing high of 1281.5.

The pound ended 60 points

down, near the day's low at

\$1.4832. But the dollar was

generally weak, testing the DM2.20 level.

Comments by Mr Preston

Wilberforce in June.

prices).

derived personal benefit of man of Minet Holdings, has £6.5 million from the Lloyd's agreed to pay RBUA syndicates he managed, is at an advanced stage of negotia-

Long Island, New York, and action against Mr Cameron-could involve Mr Cameron-Webb mr Peter Dixon, Mr Webb paying back \$1.5 mil-lion (£1 million) Wallrock and others involved in the PCW affair in 1984, Mr

The information emerged in: Dixon has been assessed by

syndicates in place of RBUA. approval in the Chancery names.

first time.

letter to former PCW pames the court to owe £7.2 million

with the aim of reducing what officials believe is an overcount of 65,000. The unemployment total is expected to be cut by about 55,000. The February employment Sir Terence Beckett, Directigures are the last in be tor-General of the Confedera-

£40,000 cost of a job

Regional policy created a total of 450,000 jobs in development areas between 1960 and 1981, according to a study carried out for the Department of Trade and Industry. of Trade and Industry.

The anthers, all from Cambridge University, calculate that the average cost of creating these jobs was £40,000 each (measured at 1982 to the authors, was the region-

al employment premium.

The total of 450,000 jobs does not include the 154,000 created during the period but lost through closure or contraction by 1981, nor "second round" jobs created in other industries.

However, the authors are careful to point out that the total measures only those jobs created in development areas, not the net effect of policies no employment in Britain as a Investment incentives were

out if the names on former

PCW syndicates are entitled

Sir Ian said in his letter. There is a willingness at Lloyd's to work for a settlement of the PCW affair.

Our impression is that many

participants in the market wil

support such a move." Mr

Peter Miller, chairman of

LLoyd's is known now to

A standstill agreement on

any legal action to be taken by

PCW names expires at the end

of March and a decision on

whether to commence litiga-

tion then or seek an extension

made. Sir lan says no decision

that a further meeting between the US and other Group of

Five members, to discuss the

dollar's fall, was planned. Money market interest rates

in the US were generally lower, adding to speculation of an imminent reduction in

Oil prices were again weak

and weighed on sterling. Brent crude for April deleivery was below \$15 a barrel, a factor

ofteo associated with the

pound's weakness against the

mark. Yesterday the pound

fell 4 pfennigs to a oew low of

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All the settlements reached to commence lineation will be by RBUA are subject to taken without consulting

Pound and dollar fall

in volatile trading

favour a market solution.

to the money directly.

published on the old basis tion of Brirish Industry. The March figures, which will said: There is all the more be published in the middle of reason now for the Chancellor to pay heed to the CBI's plea for priority to be given to measures to help the long-term unemployed... The CBI proposals are for a £1 billion jobs package, to be

matched by a similar contribution from husiness, to cut unemployment by 330,000 within two years.

The Charter for Jobs, the all-party pressure group estab-lished last year, said that the Chancellor should take up the recommendation of the Commons Select Committee on Employment for a guarantee of jobs for the long-term unemployed.

Providing 750,000 socially useful jobs over a three-year period would result in a net cost to the public sector borrowing requirement of £3 billion when the scheme is fully built up, the Charter for Jobs has calculated.

The Labour Party's Employmeot spokesman, Mr John Prescott MP, attacked the Government for the impending change in the unemployment figures.

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Lucky 13 for Bank's historic stock issue

Sterling's recovery against the dollar, and a rising US bond market, spared the authorities the embarrassment of not getting their historic issue of stock away. The £800 million of Conversion Stock 2005, announced on Tuesday and sold out yesterday, is, it will be recalled, the first conventional issue with a yield below 10 per cent for 13 years.

This, as the marketing men say, was the stock's unique selling proposition. But in the current mood of the gilt market, it would have taken something fairly dramatic to upset things. As it was, even a volatile foreign exchange market and news of still rising unemployment left the market in a good mood.

Demand for the stock, which went to a half-point premium, was widely spread. However, the pound's fall against the mark and yen has probably served to persuade foreigners to keep their powder dry for now. This makes the bulls think even better may be in store.

The partly-paid stock, with £20 payable on issue and the remainder in April and June, means that the Bank now has around £2 billion of calls outstanding. This is perfectly logical when set against the £4 billion of redemptions due in the April-June quarter but it is a situation, as Robert Thomas at Greenwells points out, which has on previous occasions led to the market falling on its face.

He suggests that net funding in 1986-87 is likely to be around £5 billion, compared with £3.5 billion to £4 billion this year and an average of £7.75 billion in the previous three years. Gross funding, assuming slightly less than a third of scheduled redemptions are in the hands of the non-bank private sector, needs to be £7.5 billion in 1986-87.

Peter Fellner at James Capel thinks that the authorities will take advantage of the market's more optimistic perception of the effects of lower oil prices and that more partly-paid stocks like yesterday's can be expected.

Neill at the double

The inquiry into regulatory arrangements at Lloyd's promises to be a thorough, yet swift, affair. Submissions must be in by March 27 and Sir Patrick Neill hopes to be able to report by the end of July.

Sir Patrick, however, will not baulk

at recommending such a constitu-tional change if he feels LLoyd's is

not providing as good protection for

its names as the new legislation will

provide for the rest of the investing

Sir Patrick is well aware of the

differences between names, who ac-

The political pressure, which forced the Government to appoint the Neill inquiry, was directed largely at trying to bring LLoyd's into the ambit of the Financial Services Bill. £195 million, £13 million But LLoyd's claims that having its own Act obviates the need for further

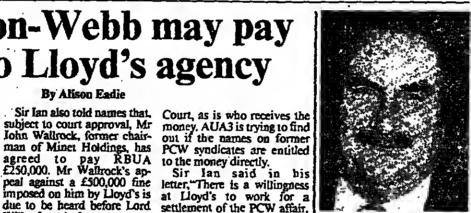
legislation.

ICT's share price rose 20p to

927p on yesterday's an-nouncement but later fell back Mr John Harvey-Jones, the

chairman, said exchange rate movements reduced profits by between £50 milion and £70 million last year but the recent drop in the value of the pound against the mark, together with the recent fall in oil prices would help the petrochemicals and plastics business this year. The fertilizer market was expected to remain difficult, however.

He argued strongly that ICI deserved a higher share price.



John Harvey-Jones: "ICI deserves higher share price'

ICI profit drops to £912m

By Clare Dobie Imperial

Industries' pretax profits last year dropped to £912 million from £1,034 million the year before. Even so, the figures were

slightly better than expected after poor results halfway through the year. Fourth-quarter profits were

higher than in the previous The pound and the dollar Martin, vice chairman of the toth lost ground, particularly the mark, in another volathree-month period.

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BHP stalls Holmes à Court bid

come from smaller members of the exchange. Larger mem-Holmes à Court, the Austrabers, planning links with ma-jor financial institutions after big bang in October, are unlikely to be behind the move since the future partners of many of them trade ADRs lian financier, to take over his country's biggest company was stalled yesterday after his target won a temporary court injunction.

Broken Hill Proprietary
(BHP) successfully opened a
last-ditch legal battle on sever-

The bid by Mr Robert from going out to the multina-lolmes a Court, the Austra-tional group's 180,000 shareholders.

The South African-born businessman launched Australia's biggest takeover bid, worth almost A\$3.5 billion (£1.64 billion), three weeks ago.

Mr Holmes à Court, whose

most 19 per cent of BHP, has bid for half of each BHP shareholding, a move which, if effective control.

But BHP yesterday won a temporary injunction restrain-ing Mr Holmes à Court's company, Bell Resources, from taking any further action to the exchange at this stage is al fronts to prevent Mr Mr Holmes à Court, whose until a court ruled on two part of the so-called little bang. Holmes à Court's official offer companies already hold al-

successful, would give him

BSC expects first profit in 12 years increased by only 17 per cent, Sir Robert said. By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

The state-owned British increase on basic rates over 12

Steel Corporation is on course to reture to profitability for the first time in 12 years, but the incoming chairman, Mr Robert Scholey, warned steel workers yesterday not to expect profits to be used for

paying higher wages.
As both the corporation and trade unions prepare for the to April t. opening of wage negotiations next month. Mr Scholey said: "We are a long, long way from putting profits into the wages bill. We need a robust cash flow to finance new technol-ogy and wages cannot be first on the list."

He said the BSC management regarded present private sector pay settlements as as-tonishing. They cannot af-ford it any more than we can. Last year, the craft and general unions in the steel industry agreed a national pay. rise with the BSC, the first since 1981 following the corporation's move to implement locally-agreed deals. This gave a 3.25 per cent

Steel Corporation is on course months and a 2 per cent to return to profitability for the first time in 12 years, but

The industry's main union, the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation, won a further 1 per cent on basic rates to lengthen the deal to 15 months and move the settlement date Sir Robert Haslam, the present BSC chairman who is to take over from Mr Ian

MacGregor as chairman of the National Coal Board on May 1, said that since 1980-81 productivity had improved from 14.5 man boars to produce one tonne of steel to 6.7 man hours today. And from a peak of 220,000 workers, the corporation by next month would be down to a labour force of 61,000.

But, he said, unions and workers should be warned against complacency. "Just to be financially viable we need a profit of £200 million a year and that is the next wardstick." and that is the next yardstick



against pay rises

ends next month, the BSC made a pretax, post-interest profit of £21 million but the third quarter was poor due to increased costs and currency.

However, with a stronger mark - the marker currency for steel raw materials and end products - and a weaker dollar, the corporation had improved its position in the first three months of this year With manufacturing at home still depressed, the BSC will now have to concentrate more on exports, particularly in the newly deregulated European

markets.
Sir Robert urged the Government not to break up the core steelmaking business as a prelude to privatization in future years. But both he and Robert Scholey: warning Mr Scholey have emphasized that the corporation's costs could be cut substantially by in the first half of the concentrating output at fewer current financial year, which

The Government has in-structed the BSC to keep open all five integrated steelworks until the autumn of 1988, but after that the future of the Ravenscraig works in Strath-Between 1980 and 1985, the corporation's costs rose by 35 per cent, but the selling prices in doubt.

Ravenscraig works in Strath-clyde and of the Llanwern plant in South Wales remains in doubt.

making comparisons with a moving target - the Financial Services Bill could be heavily revised between now and July.

The terms of the inquiry, as outlined by Sir Patrick yesterday, will include the areas of controversy that have dogged LLoyd's in recent months, the role of the chief executive and the composition and functioning of the ruling council. Mr Ian Hay Davison, the outgoing chief executive who resigned when he felt his independence was being threatened, will no doubt have some interesting contributions to make.

cept unlimited liability, and the

rather less exotic investor who buys

unit trusts and life assurance. He is

also keenly aware that he will be

The three-man inquiry may also look at the flow of information from Lloyd's to the Director of Public Prosecutions. Suggestions that Lloyd's has not co-operated fully with the DPP in trying to bring offenders to court have infuriated LLoyd's.

Other matters to be examined, and of interest to PCW names, include the possible creation of a compensation mechanism for names who have suffered losses not arising from normal business.

Sir Patrick will be collecting views from LLoyd's, the names, members of Parliament, the Securities and Investments Board and interested parties in the City. Four or five submissions have already been re-

Sugar's sweet irony

S & W Berisford stepped in quickly yesterday to reassure the market that talks with the Italian Ferruzzi group were in their infancy. As well it might have done. For two regulatory issues of exactly the kind Mr Ephraim Margulies, the Berisford chairman, so much dislikes stand in the way.

The first involves the undertakings given to the Government about British Sugar. They covered running BSC as a separate company producing separate accounts, and no trading by Berisford of Tate & Lyle products. Will a privately-owned Italian company have to give the same undertakings? Tate & Lyle and the National Farmers Union undoubtedly will have some reflections on the matter.

The second issue is European. With BSC under its belt Ferruzzi could have 30 per cent of the European refined beet sugar market. Is this a dominant position within the meaning of EEC competition policy?

It would be ironic if shareholders grateful for an opportunity to bail out Berisford at anything near the going price found their escape blocked by the regulators. It would also be awkward for Berisford and Mr Margulies, whose attraction to suitors is unlikely to be enhanced by the long-delayed audited accounts from Spicer and Pegler.

Britain to boycott Opec talks

By David Young Energy Correspondent

Non-members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) have been invited to Geneva by the oil producers' cartel to discuss the collapse of oil prices.

The meeting will be held before the full Opec ministerial meeting, scheduled for

March 16.
But Britain will not attend. The Department of Energy's view is that North Sea output is a matter for the operating oil companies, which should be allowed to set their own production schedules. THe most likely non-Open

participants will be Egypt. Mexico, Oman and Malaysia. Mr Ali Akbar Velayati, the Iranian foreign minister, said yesierday the meeting would be open to all Opec members and non-Opec oil producers wanting to benefit from collecrive measures to halt the

decline in prices.

North Sea crude prices have fallen by half since December to \$15 a barrel.

Although trading in the oil markets is reported to be extremely light, as producers and customers await the out-come of the Opec ministerial meeting, the pressure on prices is still downwards with prices quoted yesterday for April delivery in the US again being just under \$14 a barrel.

Oil output up

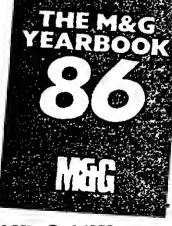
Indonesia has raised oil output to about 1.35 million barrels a day from the 1.19 million quota set by Oper. according to a mines and energy ministry official.

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Americans put the boom in ICI

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this year with some forecasts as high as £1.2 billion. While that seems overly optimistic, there are good grounds for optimism, especially for the second quarter.

This year the old-fashioned commodity chemical business should come to the fore. It will receive a threefold benefil from prevailing economic conditions, in particua barrel will mean much lower raw material costs. But this benefit will be partially offset in the first quarter by stock losses of between £20 stock losses of between £20 own-label pharmaceuticals million and £30 million. In and has made a small start at the following quarters, bowever, the effect should be with soaps and toiletries. more noticeable, especially if Equally important is the fall of sterling against the mark. Last September when ICT's shares were at their lowest, there were 3.8 marks no leap in profits. to the pound. Now there are 3.3. As every 10 plennigs off held on to much of the the sterling exchange rate adds £50 million to annual profits, this fall, if it holds, could be tremendously important because a large part of ICI's sales are priced in

marks or related currencies. Meanwhile, the rise in sterling against the dollar means that commodity costs are coming down in sterling terms. On the other hand, the dollar's weakness spells problems for most of the growth businesses, especially phar-maceuticals, that sell into the American market

The agricultural grouping is likely to remain dull as demand has collapsed. In the ammonia market, for example, ICI and Norsk Hydro are competing heavily and ICI is

tion set in after the terrific increase in the share price since September, but Wall Street. The Americans, who probably account for 14 per cent of its shares, however, are convinced there is still more to go.

Yesterday's result was enough to add 20p to the share price taking it to 927p, compared with a September cans, it should also be attractioned increase in the share price taking it to 927p, good enough for the Americans, it should also be attraction. Despite this and depending as always on currencies, prof-

ter.

The Americans, bowever, are anticipating good profits pharmaceuticals wholesaler.

Pharmaceutical sales and trading profit increased six times to £399 million and £7.8 million respectively for the half-year and, for the first time, this division is likely to be the biggest profits earner in a full year.

With the cost-cutting at Vestric largely completed by the previous owners, margins have swollen and last year's ar, the fall in oil prices to \$15 full-year pretax profit of £3.1 million has already been surpassed. To make fuller use of its distribution network, AAH is now expanding into broadening its product range

An end to the miners' selling prices continue to strike enabled AAH to rehold. So far the signs are good stock its fuel business in time but when the Shell/Esso comfor the winter weather, but plex at Mossmoran starts to this led to a tripling in operate at full capacity, the interest charges. During the market may be over supplied. dispute, with the help of discreet imports, AAH enjoyed surpisingly good mar-gms so although volume is now stronger there has been

However, road haulage has increased coal traffic and Supamix, which sells mainly to the NCB, has returned to

Solid fuel volumes have not recovered to pre-strike levels, partly because of cheaper oil which has also meant stock writedowns for AAH's fuel oil business. As the oil price slides, AAH tends to lose customers from solid fuel without fully recouping the business on the fuel oil side.

The bad weather is crucial for fuel sales but tough for builders' supplies and environmental services. Even with Vestric, the final quarter is still the most important and after the fairly mild December and January, the full-year outcome will de-

Pretax profits of £16.5 million would put the shares, up 3p at 220p, on a p/e multiple of 14, offering a likely yield of 4.9 per cent. Royal Insurance

Royal Insurance kicked off the composite insurers re-porting season with a pretax profit figure for 1985 bang in line with market expectations at £41.4 million, although the breakdown of profits was not

quite as expected.

Britain did better in the fourth quarter with a pretax profit jump to £22.6 million from £9.2 million, but Ausralia did much worse A sharp rise in claims costs for workers' compensation pushed the Australian business into a fourth-quarter loss of £15.7 million against a profit of £4 million. Royal has now withdrawn from workers' compensation busi-

The United States, where Royal has 45 per cent of its business, continued to see heady rate hardening. Com-mercial multi-peril lines in-creased by 66 per cent io the final quarter, on top of a 32

improvement as the US, though with a nine-month lag.

Britain is a slightly unknown quantity because until the present big freeze becomes a thaw the level of the process a strain that the present big freeze becomes a thaw the level of the process a strain that the process are the process as weather claims will not be known. Motor rates, which went up 15 per cent in 1985, may rise further as the in-creasing claims frequency shows no sign of diminishing.

Royal's shares have performed strongly, rising over 200p in the last four months to 888p yesterday. In the short term they may well underperform, especially with winter weather claims thudding in.

But in the long term, with expectations of pretax profits of £170 million to £180 million this year and £300 million in 1987 as the insurance cycle climbs back up again, they are still a buy.

COMPANY NEWS

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● ENSIGN TRUST: All conditions attaching to the offers made for the issued A ordinary and B ordinary share capital of Commonwealth Development Finance Company have been satisfied or waived and the offers have been declared unconditional. Acceptances represent 94.26 per cent of the total issued share capital. ● ENGLISH & SCOTTISH INVESTORS: Second interim, in lieu of final, of 0.9p (0.8p), making a total of 1.4p (1.25p) oo ordinary shares, and interim in lieu of final of 0.021875p (same) oo B ordinary shares, and interim in lieu of final of 0.021875p (same) oo B ordinary shares to holders of B ordinary in proportion of 1.386010 new B for every 100 R. With figures in £000, net revenue for the year to January 31 after all charges including tax was 1368 (1167). Tax charged 734 (635). Earnings per share 1.67p (1.42p).

● MAINMET HOLDINGS: Half year to November 30, oo dividend. With figures in £000, gross profit was 387 (291). Pretax loss 23 (42). Attributable loss 24 (42). Loss per share 0.98p (1.68p). The level of loss was anticipated by the directors. Group's principal trading company. Mainmet, contributed profit of £24,378. Mainmet should record a satisfactory profit for the current year.

● SHIRES INVESTMENT: Company has purchased for cancellation £614,110 of new 11 per cent convertible unsecured losn stock 2003/2004.

NATIONAL PRODUCTS:
Company has acquired the 50
per cent of Audio Visual TV
Producers Online Productions
owned by the Online management, and Online will become a
wholly-owned subsidiary of
Crown. Company is to invest
£100,000 in the development of

final quarter, on top of a 32 per cent increase in fourth quarter 1984. The rate of increase is bound to slow in 1986, but Royal may be tempted to start cautiously adding on volume after a static 1985.

The outlook for 1986 is encouraging. Canada, which produced a pretax loss of £24.9 million against a 1984 loss of £12.8 million, is believed to have touched the bottom of the cycle and should now show the same improvement as the US, though with a nine-month

£000, pretax profit was 1,011 (810), tax 250 (95). Earnings per share 4.6p (4.4p).

• BRITISH VENDING: Final charge.

share 4.26 guilders (5.27).

ENSIGN TRUST: All con-

per cent coovertible unsecured loan stock 2003/2004.

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NATIONAL PRODUCTS:

• ELECO HOLDINGS: Interim dividend 1.5p (1) to reduce disparity. With figures in

O BRITISH VENDING: Final 0.81p (0.59), making 1.4p (1.05) for 1985. With figures in £000, pretax profit was 852 (587). tax 329 (70). Earning per share 5.57p (5.86). Results are a record for the group. Earnings per share are slightly down, mainly because of increased tax charge.

O'PHILIPS LAMPS HOLD INGS NV: Final dividend 1.4 guilders, making 2 guilders (same) for 1985. Net income in 1985 was 919 million guilders (1.113 billion). Net income per

STOCK MARKET REPORT

'Barometer' share success boosts prices further

The stock market experienced another extremely huoyani session yesterday. Fresh institutional buying from domestic and overseas invesiors encouraged by favourable trends in the economy boosted share prices to peaks and with stock increasingly in short supply, double

figure gains were frequent.

The pretax profit from the market "barometer" ICI proved a little better than expected and this gave equities a further boost just as the pace began to flag. ICI closed 14p higher at 912p but other blue chips" recorded rises of up to 20p.

Gills set the tone at the

outset with demand swiftly exhausting the new convertible tap 2005, the first to yield under 10 per cent for more than three years.

The stock ran out half a point above the £20 partlypaid issued price. Quotations then suffered a bout of indigestion so that ioitial rises of more than half a point were pared to around three-eighths with longer dates pending an eighth or so easier.

However, there was no sign of equities running out of steam. BOC Group at 325p. British Telecom at 203p. Glaxo at 983p, and Lacas at 621p were among those to take the FT 30-share index to a record with gains of between 8p and 20p.

The 30-share closed up 11.3 points at 1281.5 and the more broadly based FT-SE index rose 14.9 points to close at

Only Beecham bucked the trend at 365p. down 13p, after a newspaper suggested that merger talks with Unilever had been abandoned. Bine

comment in *The Times*, up 10p to 596p. Banks faired well again. helped by cheerful comment in the Wall Street Journal which took the view that Mexico's debt problems were not too much to worry about. Lloyds, where dealers expect

pretax profits of around £570 million loday, rose 8p to 487p. Dealers were a little disappointed with the £41 million pretax profits from Royal insurance. Some optimists had been hoping for around £50 million but the shares rights issue rumours quickly bounced from the initial downward reaction to finish just 4p down at 876p. General Accident, next to report on Tuesday, added 5p to 828p but Commercial Union, with figures on the

Food retailers had another good session with Dee Corpo-ration, at 275p, and Kwick Save, at 264p, around 11p

same day, ended uochanged at

Commodities issues were stimulated by the Italian Ferruzzi bid approach for S&W Berisford, which ex-tended Wednesday's late rise by another 6p to 192p, Ranks Hovis, in which Berisford holds a mere 15 per cent stake, put on 8p to 191p while Tate and Lyle at 605p and Dalgety at 273p sbared sympathetic 20p increses.

Bejam jumped 10p to 180p. It is understood to be benefiting from the cold weather, which is raising the price of fresh vegetables.

Stores improved again with the mortgage-lending battle by the clearing banks a helpful factor. Harris Queensway gained 12p to 242p on revived rumours of a bid from Wool-Circle reflected favourable worth, 13p better at 491p.

Builders benefited from the trend to cheaper borrowing with Barratt Developments another 6p up at 150p. Recent good figures continued to support Alfred McAlpine, at 384p, up 10p.

Defence stocks were excited hy President Reagan's wish for more US spending. British Aerospace zoomed up 27p to 535p while Plessey at 212p and Racal at 200p improved around 7p, Racal shrugging off

Motor distributors received a boost from the T Cowie profits, doubled at £4 million. H Young moved up 13p to 168p in sympathy. Marley eased 3p to 108p on a report that Norcros, up 4p to 224p, had sold its 5 per cent holding.

High-technology companies continued to reflect a recent circular from Simon & Coates on recovery prospects. Comcap put on 20p to 70p and Instem 15p to 225p. In contrast Telemetrix slumped 14p to 90p ahead of figures due next week.

Recent good figures sup-ported Waterford Glass, at 112p, up 8p. Kwik Fit was marked up 7p to 81p after a buy recommendation from James Capel.

Horizon Travel, still excited by the IEP Securities stake, added 5p to 123p while Bass, with a 12.5 per cent stake in Horizon, gained 10p to 695p. Mount Charlotte eased another 11-p to 89p on further reflection of the figures.

Templeton Galbraith and Hansberger made a quiet debul at 216p against the offer

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Abbott Mead V (180p) Abbott Mead V (180p) 223 Ashley (Laura) (135p) 204 up 4 Brookmount (160p) 180 Cable & Wire (587p) 346 up 8 Chart FL (86p) 90 Chancery Secs (63p) 72 Cranswick M (95p) 109

Macro 4 (105p) 145
Merivale Moore (115p) 125
Microsystems (127p) 135
Norank Sys (90p) 100
Really Useful (330p) 368 up 2
SAC Intl (100p) 129
SPP (125p) 157

Klearfold (118p) Lexicon (115p)

Sigmex (101p) Snowdon & B (97p) Spice (80p) Tech Comp (130p)

118 dn 2 Wellcome (120p) 171 ½ dn 1 115 dn 3 W York Hosp (90p) 80 RIGHTS ISSUES

Cray Elec F/P Hartwells N/P Midsummer N/P Peel Hidgs F/P Porter Chad F/P Seferate LIF 75 up 2 3 dn 1 Safeway UK Stormguard F/P £4234 UD 516 Wates N/P 110 Watshams N/P 89 up 2 214 187 Westland N/P

(Issue price in brackets).

price of 215p despite adverse circular from Lains Cruickshank.

Rockware added 5p to 5 on talk of a 67p offer on the hle. William Baird climi another 20p to 540p. Deal are looking for a subsidi sale rather than a bid for company.

An encouraging report Humbly Grove helr Carless Capel, at 80p. up Marinex improved 8p to in sympathy.

Fading bid hopes MEPC 15p lower at 353p renewed takeover speculat lifted Brown Shipley 20p 460p. Britannia Arrow 9p 147p and Pearson Group

Lower profits hit Good lations, at 120p, down 6p. good results strengthened V Jacobs 12p to 100p in spite a cash call. Gross prospe boosted Wire and Plastic. 10 395p. Polytechnic Elected advanced 17p to 235p in fr of today's interim.

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MAIN PRICE CHANGE

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Blue Circle BT 203p	596p ·
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Vickers	408n
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Barratt	. 150p
A McAlpine	384p
J Billem Comcap	98p -
Silentnight	270p ·
Waterford Glass	45p
Kwik Fit	112p
T Cowie	81p
H Young	116p + 168p +
Honzon Travel	123g
Bass	695p
S W Bensford	192n
RHM	191p ·
Dalgety	273p +
FALLS:	
Beecham	3650
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Telemetrix	90n
Beecham Marley Telemetrix	365p 108p 90p

Royal Insurance Preliminary Results for 1985

	Kar 1985 (unsudited) £m	Year 1984 (audited)
General Insurance: Premiums Written	2,779.5	2,268.4
Underwitting Balance Investment Income allocated to General	-347.1	-347.4
Insurance Revenue	266.7	237.4
General Insurance Result Long-term Insurance Profit Investment Income	-80.4 25.3	-110.0 20.7
attributable to Capital and Reserves Share of Associated	87.8	87.2
Companies' Profits	8.7	13.3
Profit before Taxation Taxation Minority Interests	41.4 12.3 0.2	11.2 17.6 (credit) 0.4
Net profit/loss before extraordinary item USA relocation costs (less tax) – See note 1	28.9	-6.0
Net profit/loss after extraordinary item Earnings per share	10.2	-6.0
- See oote 2 Dividends for the year Pence per share	12.2p 60.8 25.75p	(loss) 2.5p 56.0 23.75p
Transfer from Retained Profits	-50.6	-62.0
Capital and Reserves - See note 3	£1,905m	£1,830m

The fourth quarter result was an increased pre-tax profit of £24.8m (1984: £3.7m) making the total profit for the year 1985 £41.4m (1984: £11.2m)

● Final Dividend. A final dividend of 16.55p is being recommended to produce a total dividend for the year of 25.75p, an increase of 8.4%. ● Investment Income. Total investment income of

£354.5m increased in sterling terms by 9.3%. The underlying increase in local currencies was 10%. General Insurance premium income rose by 22.5% in sterling, the underlying increase in local currencies was nearly 24%.

 Long-term insurance profit increased by 22% to • Report and Accounts for 1985. The results for the

year 1985 contained in this statement, upon which the auditors have not yet reported, constitute abridged accounts within the meaning of Section 255 of the Companies Act 1985. The audited Report and Accounts for 1985 will be posted to shareholders on Ist April 1986 and delivered to the Registrar of Companies following the Annual General Meeting to be held on 24th April 1986.





AAH HOLDINGS plc Record Interim Results

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS	9 months to 31 December 1985	%change over 1984		
Turnover	£715m	+100%		
Profit before taxation	£11.7m	+ 76%		
Earnings per Ordinary share	12.02p	+ 55%		
Ordinary dividend per share	2.94p	+ 10%		

- * "A fundamental change has taken place in the size and shape of the Group."
- * "Pharmaceutical distribution business takes a major step forward."
- * "Based on the performance of the enlarged Group to date, I am confident that the year's results will be very satisfactory."

Bill Pybus, Chairman

For further information on our current year progress write for a copy of our Interim Report to the Secretary, AAH Holdings plc, 76 South Park, Lincoln LN5 8ES.

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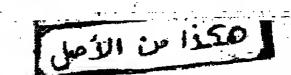
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BT exploits local call monopoly, says survey

By David Young Energy Correspondent

British Telecom's policy of keeping down international and trunk call costs while increasing local call charges is damaging British business, ac-cording to National Utility Services yesterday.

The company, which analyses comparative energy and telecommunications costs throughout the world, says in its 1985-86 survey that despite privatization, subscribers in Britaio are paying 40 per cent more for local calls than their counterparts in the US and Germany.

Telecommunications ope ators in America, Italy, Bel-gium and Germany majorained local call costs last year but British Telecom in-creased them by 7.35 per cent. BT. with the lowest international rates, cut those by 9 per cent last year.

NUS suggested this was possible because local call prices were unnecessarily high Mr Andrew Johns, NUS marketing director, said: "Our



of business telecommunications usage consists of local calls, specifically in the City of

"British Telecom has hiked the cost of local calls by more than the annual rate of inflation in order to strike an anteoatal blow at possible competition from Mercury.

"What comes out very strongly from the 1985-86 survey is that telecommunications authorities do not hesifigures suggest that 70 per cent tate to exploit whatever

monopoly powers remain to them to manipulate pricing.
"It is no coincidence that charges have actually held steady or even reduced in areas where alternative carriers threaten actual or immi-

nent competition. "Nor can it be a coincidence that the one area where British business subscribers have no hope of a choice - local calls has been burdened with the full weight of British Telecom's revenue targets."

APPOINTMENTS

National Plastics Group: Mr Michael Pragnell has been appointed managiog director.
Aidcom International: Mr. Robin Dow has joined the maio board.

Greenall Whitley: Mr Colin Diment has been made a director.

Evode Group: Mr Nigel Grouch has been appointed deputy managing director of the adhesives and sealants.

Fitch & Company Design Consultants: Mr Bill Webb has been made marketing director of retail design. Holiday Care Service: Mrs Mary Baker has become

chairman succeeding Sir Henry Marking. National Westmioster. Bank: Mr Alan Pain has been appointed senior executive of the treasurer's department, international banking divi-

The Distillers Company (Home Trade): Mr R G Filby and Mr E W J Watkins are to join the board as oon-executive directors. Mr P A J Neep will be appointed to the board as bosiness development di-



Mrs Fiona Laing (above) has been appointed a director of Noble Grossart.

managing director, stainless steel division. Johnson & Johnson International: Mr Peter McKenna is appointed vice-president

from May L vices: Mr Stephen Jacobson has been named associate

director and Londoo actuary. Bain Dawes: Mr Stephen Hill has been made managing director, overseas ooo-marine divisioo and a director of the overseas management and

Garfield Lewis: Mr Roy marketing division, Mr Angus Veal is joining the board as Cleaver becomes director of

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overseas non-marine division and retains directorship of the contractors and professional liability division.

Fluor (Great Britain): Mr Peter Laister has been ap-pointed a non-executive director. Mr Roger Kitley and Mr Bryan Meekey have joined

Ferranti: Sir John Hoskyns oins the board as a nonexecutive director. A.C. Nielsen Company: Mr

Mike Gorton has been appointed managing diretor.

Aquascutum Group: Mrs Marianne Abrahams and Mr Michael Walter have joined the board.

Eogineering Employers' Federation: Mr Ronald Hooker has been elected president. Charles Baker Lyons: Mr Laurie Ward has been ap-Bain Dawes Financial Ser- pointed director of sponsorship and television.

American Cyanamid: Sir Ronald Halstead has joined the board:

Fitch Lovell: Mr Bill Brown and Mr Adolf Winter have beeo appointed directors. Horizoo Travel: Mr Barry Firmin has been made groop

finance director. Imhof-Bedco Standard Products: Mr R Glossop has

been appointed managing di-Chartered Trust Mr John

Franklin has become deputy chairman in succession to Mr P A Graham. Shandwick Consultants: Mr Colin Trusler is joining the board. Mr David Reed will

cootinue as a non-executive director. European Single Service Association: Mr Malcolm J. Macpherson has been appointed president.

Panelflex Holdings: Mr Philip Shapire has been made a non-executive director.

IGD Management Commit-tee: Mr. Peter Stubbs has become chairman succeeding Mr Roo Evans.

Pergamoo Press: Mr Peter aister joins the board as a oon-executive director.

COMPANY NEWS

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• TOLLGATE HOLDINGS: Interim 10 cents (5). With figures in £000, unaudited group profit for six thouths to Decemprofit for six thouths to December 31 is after providing additional depreciation arising from revaluation of buses. Profit before tax 3,229 (2,528).Tax 1132 (1611). Earnings per share 11.4 cents (5.2), improvement in earnings has enabled group to restore interim dividend to level of 1984.

of 1984.

SAMANTHA/SAMSON:
Samantha Exploration has
made a gold find at Barratia, Australia. Samantha plans substantial follow-up drilling MISS WORLD GROUP: Fi-MISS WORLD GROUP: Final dividend 4p, making 5.2p (3.6p) for 1985. With figures in £000, gross profit was 969 (918), operating profit 465 (463), pretax profit 555 (515). Earnings per share 17.02p (15.95)

HERRBURGER BROOKS: No interim dividend (nil). Pretax profits for six mounts to November 30, 598 893 (511.360)

tax profits for six months to November 30 £98,893 (£11,369 loss), tax £45,372 (nil), profit attributable £53,521 (£11,369 loss). Earnings per share 4.1p (0.87p loss). • CAMFORD ENGINEER ING: Mr Brian Cox, chairman

ING: Mr Brish Cox, chairman, says in his annual statement that the first quarter has seen group's activities sustained at a very high level. Reduction in group's borrowings improves its ability to quote for more capital intensive orders and to invest in new technology.

Oodles more

Oodles, the restaurant group, has spent £600,000 oo three London restaurants at Great Mariborough Street Camden Lock and Hamp-stead. The group intends to join the Unlisted Securities

News deal

Argus Press Holdings has completed the acquisition of South Londoo Press, publisher of the South London Press and the South London Adver-tiser. Mr David Norman, the chairman, and Mr Peter Hayes have resigned as directors and have re-purchased Modern Press, a subsidiary priating company trading from Maidstone.

25% accept

The offer to acquire Williams (Cardiff) by the Wyndham Group had, by 3pm on Wednesday, been accepted by the holders of 1,783,589 Williams's ordinary shares (25.7 per cent). Together with the shares already owned by Wyndham, the group now has a total of 42.2 per cent of Williams's shares.

No approach

Armstrong Equipment has told the Stock Exchange that it had oot noticed any abnorma purchases of its shares nor had it received any approaches.

YOUR OWN BUSINESS

Selling science successfully

Oxford Lasers, one of a growing number of small high-technology businesses being set up in and around the university city, has just received the 1985 Achievement Award made by the Worshipful Company of Scientific Instrument Makers for the design and development of an air-cool, highefficiency metal, vapour laser.

This new type of laser is used for scientific and industrial work in many countries - 60 per cent of Oxford Lasers' products are exported. In June, Oxford Lasers opens an exhibition in San Francisco as a further springboard into the American market.

One application for it is in photodynamic therapy, where it can activate a special drug to help fight some cancers. Another application is in high-speed motion analysis, where the laser light acts as an ultra-fast strobe, used in ballistics or in measuring the size, speed and area covered by droplets coming out of an aerosol or agricultural spray. These lasers have a pulse rate of at least 10,000 flashes of light per second.

It is also an example of a company successfully transferring technology from university to iodustry.

In 1977 a group of Oxford physicists working in Oxford University's Clarendoo laboratory, headed by Dr Colin Webb, started (io the traditional garage) a "soft" company doing part-time research and development to turn fundamental research into products used in industry and medicine.

By 1982 it was developing into a "hard" company and taking on its first full-time employees, first building instruments for scientists and now producing instruments to meet clients' particular applications.

Oxford Lasers had a 1985 turnover in excess of £1 million and oow employs 26 people, nine of whom have Phds or higher degrees. Iodirectly it employs more as it sub-contracts all manufacture of components.

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Profiting from science: Hywel Lloyd, chief executive of Oxford Lasers

For three years annual turnover has been virtually doubled each year - a similar rise is again expected this year. and is the aim for next year as well. Hywel Lloyd, chief executive, says it presents "a major challenge". On March 13, the company is due to open 3,000 square feet of oew research and development space.

An application being developed, in association with another company, is for a large video display that projects TV or video on screens about four metres wide with high brightness, making the display visible in daylight. The system, which may be launched within a year, would considerably advance current technology, and will move oo to full colour.

One of the company's greatest problems has been for individuals in it to learn to delegate and to take on different

areas of responsibility. Another is finding staff with production engineer-ing skills. This has just prompted the company to sponsor, with the Science and Engineering Research Council, two Oxford Polytechnic students to work at

oxford Lasers on projects.

Mr Lloyd said: "Part of the company's success is due to good planning aand to the fact that instead of relying on an individual's brilliance a multi-disciplinary team was built up from the beginning."

Oxford Lasers is an example of one of the best kinds of technology transfer, the university has not lost Dr Webb who is still a full-time lecturer. His ebullience and the example of his business success are ao important stimulus to students. Because of the laboratory's reputation in laser research it attracts bright students from all over Britain.



"What I hate about winning a contract is having no one to share the joy with"

LCCI's stateside mission

In the shadow of the Westland saga and the controversy over American involvement in British Leyland, the London Chamber of Commerce set off on a three day fact-finding and contact-making mission to Washington this week in the hope of establishing permanent links with the administration and the business

The 22 members of the LCCT's North American Committee want to encourage the exchange of information about issues affecting the development of trade between the two countries, many of which can cause problems for small British companies seeking to export to America. The delegation will raise a oumber of issues which it considers

Among them are:

• Product liability insurance and the difficulties which some UK companies have found in obtaining adequate cover -- high premiums make selling equipment to the US unattractive; Anti-dumping or duty legislation not compatible with the General Agreement

on Tariffs and Trade; Buy American" procurement poli- The differing professional qualifica-tions and regulations applied by individnal states to foreign companies and employees which lead to difficulties for British service industries to establish

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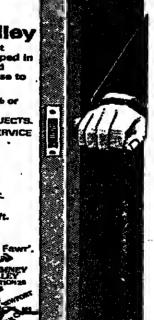
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A SPECIAL REPORT ON FLEET CARS/1

The high-fliers of the fleet

Without doubt 1985 was the year that Vauxhall came of age in the British fleet market. The Cavalier was firmly estab-lished as the most sought-after "rep's" car since the all-conquering Cortina. And this week the Cavalier has been voted by the Association of Car Fleet Operators as Fleet Car of the Year 1986 for the

second year running.
The Carlton was making inroads into the managers' sector. Astra overcame its earlier production problems at Ellesmere Port, and right at the end of the year the Belmont, an upmarket Astra with a buge boot, was launched to haunt Ford's Ori-

In five years the GM off-sboot has trebled its share of the fleet market to about 31 per cent. A proud David Lahti, Vauxhall's sales and marketing director pro-claimed: "Our success has been fleet led and it is where we will continue to put our efforts." This year he is confident of pushing his share up to 36 per cent.

Most of Vauxhall's fleet gains have been at the expense of Ford which once dominated the British fleet market to such an extent that it would only admit to holding "around 70 per cent". Market shares are notoriously unreliable statistics in fleet business but it is generally accepted that Ford now holds around

45 per cent. Helped by the success of the new Granada bowever and soon to be reinforced by new facelifted, "lean burn" powered Escorts and Orions, pared badly with the competit intends to lift its penetration tion at the time. That is not close to "austere" and is also

Vauxhall has set the pace as market leader at the expense of Ford which is ready to make fresh inroads

above 50 per cent this year. Austin Rover increased its fleet sales by an encouraging 10 per cent last year and now bolds about 18.5 per cent of the above 25 cars fleet business. It has made its biggest inroads into leasing companies, self drive hire and the public sector. It is still weak in the 25 to 100 strong fleets and only slightly better in the 100 to 500 fleets. But its biggest weakness is

in the real majors above 500. summer hut fleet operators have had pri-One of its

been identified from foreigners as a poor per-ception of its cars compared with the competition in fleets where the company user has a significant influence in choice.

This year it is planning an image lifting campaign called Track Test 86. A dozen or so race circuits will be used enabling fleet operators to drive the whole Austin Rover

range under exacting condi-tions. Organizers of husiness conferences and technical seminars will also be pressed to allow the company to put Austin Rover cars on display, Mr John Parkinson, fleet sales director, said": "The problem is that too many fleet users last experience of our cars was when they had Itals

and Ambassadors. They com-

the case today. The Montego. Maestro and in particular the Rover 200 range are now first class fleet material but it is only by persuading people to overcome their suspicions and drive them that we can make real progress."

saloon, the latest product of its increasingly close collabora-tion with Honda, will not be seen in public before the

vale previews A strong challenge and are said to be "very excited" by the car's prospects

as a management car.

If 1985 was the year
Vauxhall came of age in the fleet market 1986 could be the year that foreign manufacturers consolidate the steady inroads they have made in recent years. The most publicized challenge will come from two "foreigners" assemhled in Britain - the Nissan Stanza replacement which goes into production shortly in a new "greenfield" factory at Washington, Tyne and Wear, and the Peugeot 309 now being assembled at Ryton near Coveniry. The new Stanza has already

made its debut in Japan where it is being called the Auster. Whether that name will also be used in Britain is doubtful for two reasons: Auster is too the name of a very elderly light aircraft.

Nissan like Peugeoi believe that the British fleet buyer is not yet ready to coun public condemnation for buying foreign at a time when jobs in the British based motor industry are still being lost to foreign imports. But assemble your car in this country and however justified or otherwise your claim that it is now British the fleet men will buy it.

In the fleet business they have stood the test of time. A transport manager handling a 730 strong fleet told me: Negotiating on the basis of

On the other hand I spoke to a number of fleet managers who have changed from one to the smaller fleets.

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Little and large: The np-market Rolls-Royce and the abiquitous Escort

The one unchanging factor which is crucial to this whole argument is that however questionable the nationality of the new car it must be attractive, cost effective to purchase and operate and above all reliable enough to persuade buyers to change from their existing suppliers. Price as always plays a hig part but is by no means as impor-tant with fleet buyers as with the private punters.

place great value on personal contacts with suppliers which In the main foreign cars are at present established most long standing close relation-ships means that I have instant access to my supplier at senior level. He knows I will not hesitate to call him direct if, for instance, I get a car which has obviously had a superficial Pre-delivery Service, or in any way does not come up to the mark. expected to be treated as if

am his most important something in excess of 60 per customer. cent of all fleet business. But increasing competition is forcing them to lower their sights

Vauxhall is a good example of this. In 1980 its fleet cars a year and Peugeot's department dealt with 600 40.000 is small beer. But like major companies. This year John Pugh, Vauxhall's long serving fleet sales manager, says: "In 1986 it is our intention to maintain contact models from their parent Jap-

with 2,500 companies.

ness, "Real" or not they account for something like He readily acknowledges the crucial part played by Cavalier in opening the door 300.000-400.000 cars a year. Traditionally the Big Three to fleet husiness but resents rivals describing Vauxhall as The Cavalier Company". He told an interviewer: "That have tended to concentrate on major fleets - those with more than 100 cars - accounting for statement is now four years behind the times. We did use Cavalier to get into

make fleets in recent years to keep the pressure on tradition-

al suppliers who appear to be

strongly in the under 25 strong

fleets which for years were not

regarded as "real" fleet husi-

Major differences between

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Bluebird range are as follows:

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Bluehird 1.6 LX four and

taking them for granted.

On the face of it Nissan's per cent is becoming the norm

choice of automatic transmis-

with the dealer depending for the Cavalier before them the new Stanza and the new Peugeot 309 will be used to smooth the way for other

infiltrate the fleets. The biggest problem facing all manufacturers with fleet sales aspirations is the conlinuing cut price discount war. The private buyer is now thoroughly conditioned to playing one dealer against another until he comes up with the sharpest price. In many cases a discount of 15

anese and French factories to

his profit on manufacturers' incentive payments.

As one car manufacturer's fleet sales manager put it recently: "In many cases the private punter is able to get a better discount than the fleet operator.

One fleet manager told him that he had identified two peak selling limes, when a car was 10 months old and when it was two years and three months old. And in both cases the better prices were only available for periods of about

> Clifford Webb Motoring Correspondent

The Japanese emphasis on quality has set new standards in car production and in winning customers

The new Nissan Bluebird range, which is seen for the first time in the UK at the Fleet Motor Show, is important for three reasons: it replaces not one but two of the volume selfing models in the largest traditional importers' range; it includes the model which will be built at Nissan's factory at Washington, Tyne and Wear, and it will form the spearhead of Nissan's efforts

fleer customers. The range consists of two body styles, a conventional four door salooo and a five door hatchback and is available with a choice of 1.6 and 2 gines with conventional carburettors; a 1.8 turbocharged engine; and a 2 litre diesel — the first diesel to be offered in a road car in the UK. by Nissan. A further 1.8 litre engine, designed to comply with the Inland Revenue's under-1800 cc limit for company car users, will be avail-

able shortly. Perhaps more important, the car will be marketed in the UK head-on with the market leaders in the mid range sector, the Ford Sierra and Vauxhall Cavalier - except that Nissan boast equipment advantages at every level. For instance, the 1.6 LX model which will be competing against the other manufacturers' L versions, has power assisted steering and a five-speed gearbox as

standard fittings. The full range is: 1.6L four and five door; 1.6 LX four and five door, 2.0 SLX four and five door, with the option of automatic transmission; 2.0 SGX four and five door with the option of auto transmission and factory fitted electric sunroof; 1.8 Turbo SR four door, available only with a five-speed gearbox. Prices are expected to range from £6,500

to £8,500. All models will carry Nissan's normal three-year/100,000 mile mechanical warranty and six-year anticorrosion guarantee. The four-door version, with

a nomber of engine and trim options will go into production at the new factory at Washington in July, and stocks will be built up before in winning over business and ready for a launch in the autumn, probably coinciding with the Motor Show at the NEC in October.

Production line workers are

the main components shipped country were further samples

plant which already existed in Washington, seats from a new factory set up in a joint venture by Hoover Universal and Ikeda-Bussan, and a host of other items including electrical equipment, trim and

famous "Just in time" system

under which production lines

in Japan are fed on a hourly

basis rather than holding

stocks of components will not

necessarily apply at Washing-

orously at Washington. Some



Newcomer: The Nissan Bluebird five-door batchback being recruited and will start systems, will be delivered training shortly. Their instruc-tors will be supervisors and team leaders" who have themselves spent many weeks working on production lines at Nissan's Oppama plant near Tokyo. There they studied Japanese production techniques and also absorbed the quality-dominated philoso-

phy of the Nissan car worker. The main difference," said one supervisor who worked previously in the British car industry, "is that the Japanese check for quality at every stage during manufacture, while the European tradition is to check have been fitted to pre-pro-for quality at the end of the duction prototypes of the new assembly line, and then do whatever rectification is

Phase I production consists of assembly of kits containing have passed every test in this replaces.

from Japan. These will be then sent to Japan for approv-transported in the car carrying al there. vessels which dock regularly at Nissan claim to have spent Middlesbrough - less than an hour by road from the new

more time and money than any Japanese manufacturer has done previously to profactory. Local components, including Dunlop tyres from a duce a car that will have pan-European appeal. The process started with the interior design of the Bluebird

called the Auster in the Japanese home market, and close study of the head, elbow, and legroom measurements of the European cars. designers aimed to equal or improve on everything they saw. Similarly with upholstery and carpets: competilive products were examined cloth manufacturers consult-

European driving style, were analysed also. Suspension came in for particular attention. Many thousands of miles have been driven, first in modified versions of the Stanza, and as development progressed in a current Bluedirect to the factory. The hird fitted with a prototype suspension parts.

Styling clinics at which members of the public were asked their opinions on the new Bluebird and on several rivals - all unidentified resulted in several detail modifications.

critical in the negotiations I drove the new car a between Nissan's purchasing Nissan's Tochigy test track managers and British and while attending the Tokyo Continental component sup-pliers has been quality. More motor show last November. Track testing is no substitute than 200 sample items have for actual road work and final been obtained and tested rigjudgement will have to wait until I have had one in my bands for at least a week.

But even in the rarified car which were air freighted to conditions of a test track it was this country in the autumn, apparent that the car we shall for more realistic assessment. know as the new Bluebird is Only when the components streets better than the Stanza in

Nissan's Bluebird is poised for take-off courtesy lamp, door step lamp, door key bole illumina-tion, split folding rear seats (5 Rocky road for Rolls door), access from rear seat to Ford's small wonder

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boot (four door), height ad-

Bluehird 2.0 SGX four and Saving on diesel five door has in addition alloy wheels, bronze tinted glass, headlamp wash/wipe. electric The sound of motoring aerial, 4-speaker audio system with auto reverse cassette. radio with diversity tuning Price is the priority aerial, central locking, electric

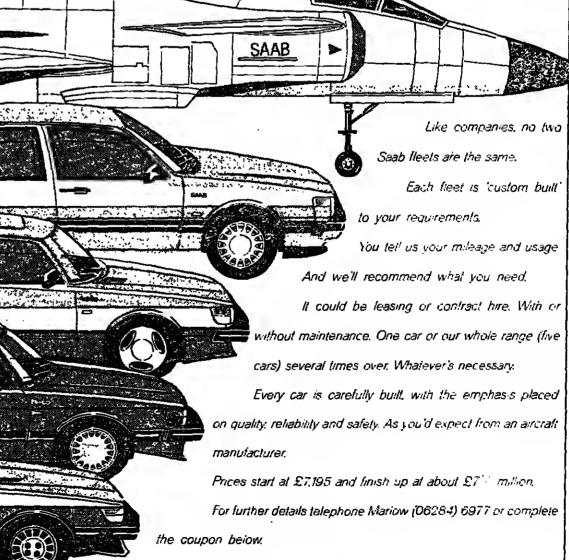


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into a riproaring flyer at a louch of the throttle.

It is not cheap - no BMW is - but at £17,000 is just the sort

of car to play tuoes oo to match the mood of the mo-

The new mid-range Mercedes 124 series with a choice of four engines ranging

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the 200 series is a revelation. The 200 2 litre costs £12,500

but is both slow and basically

equipped. More appealing is the 230E which uses the 2.3

arrivals in what is becoming

up-market arm

of Fiat its first

with a combination of the new

and stable.





An S-class by Mercedes-Benz, which makes more cars a year than Austin Rover; the Legend, Honda's partnership car with the Rover 800; a Vauxhall Cavalier and the undertrated Austin Maestro

Success in the executive car sector is largely a matter of image. Whatever a driver may say about their choice being the best car for their purpose within the price bracket allocaled, the most important factor influencing their choice remains the car's rating as a status symbol.

A Renault director summed it up nicely when he said: "It takes a car maker 20 years to acquire a reputation as a manufacturer of cars with that special something extra which makes them a desirable status

An excellent test of a car's standing is the way its owner refers to it. Ask owners of Mcrcedes, BMWs or Jaguars what they drive and you get the straightforward reply. "A Mercedes...a BMW...a Jaguar". Only when you press them for more information do they go into details such as engine size and special fea-

Ask the driver of a Ford the same question and he falls over himself to give you details designed to show that his choice is not "just ao ordioary Ford" but has antiordioary Ford" but has anti-look. Throw io anti-lock lock brakes, thief-proof locks. brakes and security locks as turbo-charging, four wheel

make an impact in the executionage as a technically adtive sector with the first vanced car which was hardly Granada it spent a great deal justified by the rest of its of time and money consider-ing how best to lift the image £9,217 for the basic Granada

of its top-range

drop the name Ford altogether and label to £18,924 for the exciting four contender in the profitable them with the name of its wheel drive version of the Italian styling subsidiary, Ghia. In the end it compromised and called them Ford

pean mass producers of popu-lar priced cars are losing you don't but their quality and money hand over fist because quietness always commands of the price war, the executive respect. Uotil the smaller car sector has become extremely attractive: It has by no was introduced, the 760 with a means avoided the full rav- choice of 2.3 turbocharged or ages of discounting but compared with the popular car the to the upper echelons only of executive model still commands a good profit for

manufacturer and dealer alike. For that reason more and" more mass producers are veoturing into it with new models nault with the R25. Last year supporters to stay with the Renault sold 10.000 R25s in marque when they are ready Britain. And nearly half of

them were bought by fleets. It is easily the best-looking car Renault has produced. The 15.2ft long hatchback body is also one of the most acrodynamically efficient in the world. It has a spacious interior and an excellent relaxing

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costing a little under £9,000. The most expensive, the 2.5 litre V6 turbo, costs £18,700. The car they all have to beat remains the Ford Granada. Ford was aware of the clanger it dropped when it replaced the phenomenally successful

but oh so dull Cortina with the new streamlined Sierra. Fleet customers were just oot ready to take risks with such a trend setter and opted instead for the more conservative Cava-But Sierra pioneered the way and by the time the new

Granada appeared the public, aurora of luxury, quietness and more important for Ford, and Pullman ride. But they the fleet buyer, were conditioned to the new Ford family standard equipment for the drive, etc.

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Long before Ford began to .car and it quickly acquired an first time on a mass produced

litre injected engioe and costs
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new Lancia time there was The car they all have to beat is still the Ford Thema looks Granada, now more technically advanced like giving the

executive car sector. If a little bland in its styling it is nevertheless one of the most flagship Granada Scorpio 2.8 mised and called them Ford
Ghias.

Volvo's big and rather aggressive looking 700 series may not be everybody's cup of competitive and refined cars on offer. Four versions are being imported, all fuel injected. They range from a 2 litre at £11,000, to £15,500 for a luxuriously equipped 2 litre turbo. My favourite is the 2.8 engined 2.3 litre 740 version litre V6 automatic. At £14,600 it is a very good buy. The Saab 9000 turbo 16 is

the executive sector. The 740 with three levels of. equipment and trim slots nicely into the big selling £10,000 to £13,000 bracket. Volvo brand loyalty is particuand high hopes. One of the larly strong and the arrival of most successful has been Re- the 700 series enabled its

2.8 V6 was restricted by price

will hurtle to 60mpb in 7.9 At £16,000 it is not cheap The Alfa 90 which arrived last year is really a stand-in for the long awaited 164 executive saloon now delayed until 1987. The 90 is less than 14½ but such exceptionally wellequipped cars do oot come chean. Nevertheless, I expect the non-turbocharged version due out soon to be the bigger seller in Britain. A car which will have a far

ft long and that is short for the general run of executive cars. But it is competitively priced at £11.180 (there is only one version the 2.5 litre Gold ride.

Five versions are imported version the 2.5 litre Gold starting with the 2 litre TS Cloverleaf). The alloy V6 tive market will not appear before late June. I refer of **EXECUTIVE CLASS**

new Rover 800 which is being produced in partnership with Rover 2600 Vandenplas Volvo 740 GLT Honda Japan. A feature of the Rover 800 will be the new, all British 2 litre, 16 valve, four cylinder £13,494 2,316 £13,196 2,597 M16 engine which will be fitted to some versions. Economy versious use a new type of injection system developed and manufactured "in-house"

Rolls-Royce still faces a rocky road

The resilence of the luxury car markeL in a period of economic recession, may continuc to amaze those who reckoo without man's propensity for conspicuous consumption. There is no shortage of company chairmen to keep Jaguar. Rolls-Royce and Mercedes-Benz in profit - so long as the

product is right. li is a lesson that Jaguar, in particular, had to learn a few years back. Shoddy paintwork and chronic unreliability had helped to seed sales tumbling and the company was losing money so heavily that it was touch and go whether the BL board would agree to further

invesiment

Over the last five years there has been a spectacular revival. first part of BL to be sold back into private ownership. From the nadir of 1981, sales have risen from 14,000 cars a year to nearly 40,000. Productivity has increased even faster. from 1.4 cars amao a vear to 3.5 and there has been a largely successful campaign to

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improve quality and reliabil-

Jaguar's main task now is to replace a range that has be-come a legend. Through all the company's troubles, there was never any doubt about the cars themselves, with their combination of surging power and almost eene silence. But the current saloons, intro-duced in 1969, will finally be supersoded in the autumn with the launch of the X140.

This car has been long in development and was expect-

ago. But mindful of the com-Germans Mercedes-Benz and BMW - Jaguar was determined to gel the vehicle right from the start. Smaller and lighter than the current sa-loons, it will be powered by

ed to be introduced two years gy crises of the 1970s as if times :..

was suddenly caught out in 1982 when sales dropped by a quarter. The company blamed high interest rates but there was also the suspicion that it was no longer tactful for the boss to be seen dowing around the same time he was taying bearing on the cor. of thousands of workers a survival in the 1990s.

model. Critics saw it as retribution for failing to move with the times, pointing out that the Silver Spirit was even higger than the Silver Shadow it replaced and only slightly less heavy on fuel. It remains despite the best efforts of Rolls engineers, one of the world's thirstiest cars.

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stay in production for 10 years as the Shadow did. The company is already working on modifications to the huge 6.7litre V8 engine: the logical next step is a lighter, perhaps smaller, bodyshell. The answers will have a crucial bearing on the company 5

Mercedes-Benz has been Whatever the reside the suffering lew such agones, slimp came only two years. Despite operating exclusively after the introduction of a new at the expensive end of the at the expensive end of the market, it makes more cars a year than Austin Rover and its flagship, the S Class, has been an object lesson in, to quote the company's phrase, "making the big ear respectable".

Introduced to Britain in 1980 and powered by lightalloy, eight-cylinder engines of 3.8 and five litres, the cars could claim 10 per cent better consumption over their bigger-engine predecessors but with no loss of performance. Since then the range has undergone further modifica-

Peter Waymark

Sierra 1.6L

36.7 £61.28

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Montego

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38.8 £31.25

The German thoroughness that

Cortina, the medium-car sector - crucial for winning fleet business - has, in the last two years, become the undisputed province of Vauxhalf's midrange model, the Cavalier.

The Cavalier's chance came when Ford decided that at last the Cortina had come to the end of its life and that the replacement, apart from abandoning the Cortina name, should also be a radical departure in terms of design. In the hiatus between the phasing out of the Cortina and the arrival of the new car, the Sierra, fleet managers turned to the Cavalier, liked it and stayed with it.

one of the oustanding new In its first full year (1983), and helped by heavy discount-ing the Sierra did manage to stay at the ton and outsold the an overcrowded sector. It is a beantifully styled and excep-tionally spacious five seat hatchback with a real Jekyll Cavilier by 159,000 to 127,500. Then early in 1984 the Cavalier edged ahead and and Hyde personality. Its 2 litre turbo charged engine by the end of the year had allows it to potter along like opened op a clear lead, 132,000 to 113,000. In last the most docile family saloon. But put it to the sword and it year's bigger market the Cavaing 134,335 units to the Sierra's 101,642.

Part of the Cortina's success was because for many years there was no convincing alternative. Vanxhall had nothing to offer in the median sector and British Leyland only the lacklustre Morris Marina. reaching impact on the execu-Then came the Cavalier which, like all cars now bearing the Vauxhall badge, was a WestGerman design, engineered and developed by General Motor's subsidiary, Opel. course to the much debated

That turned out to be one of its strengths. German engineering had long been admired in Britain and so had the quality and finish of German cars. To the fleet manager, reliability and durability are particularly important because they cut running costs. Both by BL's SU Fuel Systems Co were areas that had let Vanxhall down in the past.

impressed the British So long dominated by the Ford chological barrier Vauxhall

was able to impress its customers with just how good a car the Cavalier was. It took off with the arrival of the mark two in 1981. Alive to fleet prejudice against hatchbacks, Vauxhall shrewdly offered the choice of saloon and tailgated versions and the car handled

even better than its predeces-Initially there were only two engines, 1.3 and 1.6 litre. Vanxhall argued that a two litre was unnecessary as the 1.6 was just as quick and more eonomical. But n 1.8 litre was subsequently added, and also a diesel. The mid-term facelift was carried out in 1984 and a convertible introduced last

The Sierra was an attempt to de two things, not necessar-ily compatible: to continue the success of the Cortina on the British market, while giving Ford a much stronger medium sector presence on the Conti-

nent. The more flamboyant styling, addition of a tailgate and change to independent rear suspension were largely dictated by the demands of

Continental motorists.

But more conservative British fleet managers were scentical and initial teething troubles did not help. That the Sierra was a superior car to the Cortina in important areas like ride, handling and interior space, unhappily (from Ford's point of view) counted for less. Small but useful modifications have since made it even better. True to the Ford policy of trying to cover as much of the

market as possible with one bodyshell, the Sierra comes in 25 versions, with engines from 1.3 to 2.8 litte, petrol and diesel, with at the top of the range a fact injected model with four-wheel drive. Launched in 1984, the Austin Montego found itself op against two well-entrenched

rivals. Fleet managers happy

Insurance group with the Cavalier or Sierra would take a lot of convincing that they should change from the tried and tested to a new and unknown model from a

Price (ex VAT)

Front wing

Engine (cc) Consumption (mpg):

56 mph

75 mph

go got off to a slow start and sales at the end of its first year, admittedly not a full one, were only 34,700 units. The car did much better in 1985 — when sales reached 73,955 - without seriously threatening to

And yet item for item it

npany not exactly renowned

for the reliability of its prod-

rivals. Handliag, performance, economy and comfort are as good as those of most cars in the sector, while on interior and boot space it has the Cavalier and Sierra clearly beaten. Unlike the Sierra, it is a traditional three-box saloon, and like the Cavalier, though again anlike the Sierra, it has

yields little or nothing to its

front-wheel drive. Engines are from 1.3 to 1.6 and two litre and the top of the range model is a turbocharged MG. Its best may be yet to catch the Sierra or Cavalier.

*** Automatic Transmission Having overcome the psy-Ford's small wonder is a big hit

at Birmingham.

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small-medium sector is sim-ply expressed in figures. In 1985, for the second year running, the Escort sold twice as many units (157,269) as its nearest rival, the Vauxhall Astra [76.553], thus easily retaining its position as Britain's best-selling model. With the Escort's booted

derivative, the Orion, picking up another 65.363 customers. Ford could also boast the third most popular model in the group, leaving Austin Rover's contender, the Maestro, in a disappointing fourth place. Maestro sales, at 57,527, were well down on the 83,000 of

1984. In the circumstances an Escort facelift would seem hardly necessary but the car has been on the road for just over five years and Ford judged that the time was ripe to freshen the range. The improvements are not dramatic but can only make the cars even harder to beat.

When the Escort was originally launched, serious doubts were expressed as to whether the car would have the same appeal to the fleet market as the previous model. Ficet managers have traditionally favoured simple designs likely to give little trouble and these did not include features like transverse engines and front-

wheel drive.
The new Escort also departed from fleet car orthodoxy in offering a hatchback bodyshell instead of a saloon with separate boot. Despite initial suspension problems and fuel consumption figures a little on the high side, all doubts were soon swept aside.

mid-term facelift in 1984 and duly picked up the award for Car of the Year. The "mark

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In any case the introduction 1983 offered a booted alternative to buyers who had still not taken to the hatchback. Ford's fear that the Orion might take sales from the Escort has not materialized. Instead, there is evidence that the Orion is selling to former Cortina owners who have not taken to the

The recent changes, shared by the Escort and Orion. to create a greater family resemblance to Ford's big car. the Granadas, smarter interiors with more standard equipment and, for the first time on a smallish family car, the

option of anti-lock brakes. There is also a new 1.4 litre engine, which gives a choice of no fewer than seven power units, from 1.1 to 1.6 litre and including a turbo and a diesel. The revised cars 80 on sale on

two" was mechanically much of the Orion in the middle of as before but there was an entirely new bodyshell, smoother in line, more attracdrag factor [0.32] in its class.
This aerodynamic improve-ment meant gains in both performance and fuel economy. The car was also roomier

inside and claimed a bigger boot than any of its rivals.

Distinguished by its taut by the Escort and Orion. handling the Astra is another include styling modifications car with a wide choice of engines - four petrol units from 1.2 to 1.8 litres and a 1.6 diesel. Like the Escort, it is available as a three-door and five-door hatchback and as an estate.

Last year the Astra overtook the Maestro and Vauxhall's position in the small/medium sector will be further strengthened with the recent introducof the Belmont. Essentially a booted version of the Astra. it is Vauxhall's The Asira underwent its answer to the Orion and could

SMALL/MEDIUM CLASS

	Ford Escort 1.3L 5 door	Vauxhall Astra 1.3L 5 door	Austin Maestro 1.3L 5 door
Price (ex VAT) Engine (cc) Consumption (mpg):	£6,150 1,295	£6,360 1,297	£6.020 1,275
Urban 56 mph 75 mph	38.2 57.6 43.5	32.5 54.3 42.0	37.0 52.5 37.8
Front wing Clutch unit Major service time	£44.03 £63.45 2h	£21,20 £68,41 1h 12m	£33.50 £62.27 2h 6m
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have a similar impact. Certainly it does not lack in boot

Now nearly three years old. the Maestro continues to sell disappointingly for a car that on technical merit should be doing much better. It seems not to have overcome the handicap of arriving in the market late, with its main rivals, the Escort and Astra, already well established.

Yet it could claim to offer much to the fleet buyer. Servicing and running costs. helped by good fuel consumption, were said to be the lowest in the class, and robot assembly promised well for quality. It also scored highly on com-

Mechanically the Maestro broke with Austin tradition by jettisoning hydragas suspension for springs, although it rctained the transverse engine/front wheel drive layout. Apart from the two litre used in the MG version, the engines are both much-developed Austin uoits. The 1.3 litre goes back to the 1950s and 1.6 derives from the overhead camshaft design first used in the Maxi.

With gearboxes from Volks-wagen, the Maestro was a car designed around modest resources. But its relative lack of success may owe more to public - and particularly fleet - perception of Austin Rover than any serious drawbacks as

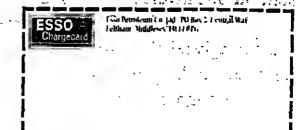
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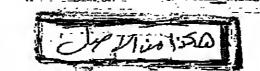




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FLEET CARS/3

More employers are finding there are cheaper ways of getting the vehicles they need

Companies that cash in with contracts

ing of a move by companies from outright purchase of fleet cars towards contract hire. The latest survey in January by Monks Guide to Company Car Policy* suggests in one analysis that there has been a shift in 12 months from 82 per cent nutright purchase to 76 per cent among larger compa-

Leasing shaded marginally to just under to per cent while contract hire, the choice of 8 per cent at the start of last year, rose to 15 per cent. Contract hire and leasing are already much more in

favour with medium-size and smaller companies. Among those with annual sales be-tween £50 million and £200 million only 49 per cent favoured outright purchase, according to the guide. Smaller companies than that in turnover terms were slightly more biased in favour of

outright buying at 52 per cent. Overall, 63 per cent of companies still favoured outright purchase, according to the survey. Another 15 per cent leased and 11 per cent used contract hire.

But the different needs of companies is reflected in the smaller company analysis which showed 20 per cent opted for contract hire, 14 per cent selected leasing and another 14 per cent used a mixture of methods.

it is as well to define the difference between the various ways in which a vehicle may be purchased. Outright purchase is not necessarily out of capital or cash flow; cash can also come out of bank borrowing, and hire purchase arrangements are also still widely used.

Leasing comes in various forms

Leasing comes in various forms but its main advantage is that it can free capital or borrowing capacity for more fruitful uses in a business. Finance leasing is simply a financing operation, with the vehicle sold on at the end of the agreement, typically of two or three years' duration. It is up to the business using the vehicle to buy it, maintain it and sell if off

"Balloon" leases minimize stage payments with a large which found an increasing slice of agreed overall pay-popularity for vehicle-leasing ment being levied at the end of and contract hire is a 1986 an agreement. The residual against this. The problem can value may turn out to be lower than expected, because of the Hertz customers showed 63 vagaries on the second-hand

are a natural complement to finance leases by offering advice and expertise on buying, running and servicing a car. A good fleet management company can impose the same sort of control over costs as a contract hire company. Usually there is no guarantee of vehicle residual values, although advice is often avail-

market

Contract hire usually covers virtually everything with all the risks down to the contract hire company. This includes



Taking a look: Potential customers try out Austin-Rover cars at the Aungraha Convention Centre, near Windsor

the factor of residual car in real terms between contract value, always one of the more difficult things to assess when with a new vehicle eventual sale could be two years or

Contract hire will usually cover full maintenance, together with road fund tax. insurance, servicing, repairs, renewal of batteries and tyres and relief vehicles when needed. Membership of a motoring organization is usually thrown in. There are control systems for petrol huying. At the same time a company taking on a contract hire agreement can often opt for only parts of the total package, it may suit a company with mechanics on the staff still to carry out its own servicing. Or it might

Lease purchase is another variation. The company using a vehicle gets possession and use on payments by instalbut at the end of that period the user company has the option to buy the vehicle for a ominal sum.

Another recent survey

prefer to arrange its own

financing.

which found an increasing report for Hertz, the world's value of the vehicle can be set largest car-rental company, which in Britain is also inarise that the vehicle re-sale volved in both leasing and cootract hire. Research ame per cent had turned to contract hire because it freed Fleet management cootracts capital for other uses and 53 per cent cited improved cash flow as a factor in using contract hire. They also liked the tax concessions and freedom from administrative

> Hertz argues that simple arithmetic on car huying and eventual sale can be misleading. Hertz maintains that the buying power of a big organization combined with a realistic estimate of the cost of administration on running vehicle fleets could mean there is

hire and purchasing and at best contract hire could even

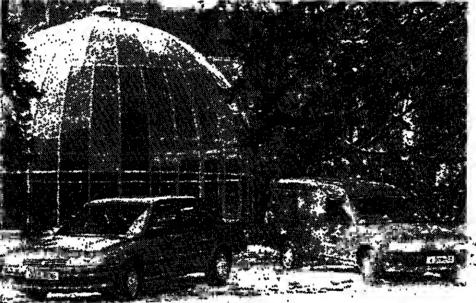
According to Hertz, 43 per cent of companies buying their own vehicles get no discount at all while only 22 per cent secure discounts of 15 cent or more. Clearly companies considering whether they want to move to contract hire should discover how far it may be possible to secure substantial discounts.

Contract hire, he suggests, can offer an optional way of deciding who has which type of car when choices have to be made on the levels of spending to be allowed to those at different levels of a company heirarchy.

If a decision is made according to the initial cost of a car, it can mean that one executive may choose a car which is more expensive to run than that chosen by another. This

constructive way of sorting this one out. Hire companies after all have to solve the problem of what overall costs are because they do not want to lose money when putting their packages together.

User-chooser options have grown markedly in the last few years, said Mr Harcourt. Added to that, there was a wider range of choices in cars available, he pointed out. Ford and Vauxhall were now highly .competitive, with BL models



Fleet candidates: A Montego and a Maestro van outside the Anugraha Centre

The war among the leading manufacturers has meant that even the individual motorist can secure discounts from list

But clearly, as the Hertz report points out, the chances of getting good discounts are best with a big company. This is the likeliest explanation why more medium-sized and smaller companies turn to contract hire.

Tony Harcourt, who compiles the Monks guide, said: Clearly smaller companies have been doing the arithmetic and there has been at worst little difference in cost- some move to contract hire."

companies have given every-

body value bands from which to choose any car they wish to run - the user-chooser system as it has come to be known.

The option on contract hire is to use the breakdown cost of this method of securing a fleet car to set the bands from which the heirarchy may be allowed to choose vehicles. That way the full cost of running a vehicle can be taken into account, he pointed out.

Mr Harcourt said: "It is a

also making a recovery, he

Re-sale values can vary greatly, according to the latest analyses by Leasecontracts, a cootract hire company launched in 1984 with backing from Citicorp Development Capital, part of the US-based Citicorp, which claims to be the world's biggest bank.

Leasecontracts has just brought out the 1986 edition of its Company Car Cost Calculator**, which gives an at-a-glance guide to the operating costs of more than 150 vehicles instead of merely reflecting initial purchase cost For the first time it looks a diesel alternatives on popular

ars. Two different vehicles, each with a price tag of £5,500, can differ on operating cost by more than £400 a year, according to Leasecontracts. It says residual values can also be crucial: two different models. each costing £10,000 when new, can vary in resale value after three years by as much as £2,500.

British cars come well out of this. Residual values are generally better, there are lower capital costs especially be-cause of discounting and maintenance costs less. Among the guide's conclu

sions is that on this overall costing basis. BL's Montego 1.6L is the top fleet car, although French marques score in small-car categories. Ford leads in small sporting cars. Peugeot is top among

In the compact car and fleet groups that account for three quarters of fleet sales, honours seem divided between Austin Rover and Vauxhall, with doing very respectably and niten in rental derms, costing least though behind marginally on fuel consumption.

One problem is that the many basic factors do not stay the same. Ford Sierra residual values are improving and are set to overtake Vanxhall's Cavalier, according to the guide. Additional no cost options are increasingly being offered by manufacturers, recent example being Ford's Sierra sun roof at no extra cost. Special packages are coming through for Austin Rover and Vauxhall models, the guide points out.

Companies with a buy-British policy on fleet cars could be facing some difficult decisions, Some Vauxhall and Ford cars are already built abroad, But Japan's Nissan will soon be producing its Stanza model in Britain at Washington in the North-East and Peugeot's 309 model will be coming off the productioo line at Rytoo in increasing numbers.

Leasecontracts maintains like some others in the trade that contract hire is growing at the rate of 15 to 20 per cent a year, The Monks analysis more than supports that for last year Bucar duy rate until last year contract hire may well have been growing at nearer five per cent a year.

nies are clearly becoming more expert at assessing what the true costs are of running fleet cars giving leasing and cootract hire operators a bet-ter chance of selling competi-tive packages which until oow may have proved a mite complex for some company executives to appreciate.

Derek Harris

Sales of diesel cars in Britain still lag well behind those of most continental countries but there has been a dramatic expansion during the past five

years as the virtues of diesel have started to come across. Fleet costomers, in particu-iar, are cashing in on the lower consumption and greater durability the diesel engine offers. Over the high annual mileages of fleet cars, the savings can run to thousands

of pounds a year. In 1975 only 300 diesel cars were sold in Britain. The big lean came in 1984 when, largely because of the introduction of a 1.6-litre engine by Ford, the market nearly doubled to 45 32 1 ms year and the factor of the state of t bied to 43 22 days year and a further graph, the all minutes of all new cars sold in Britain perform of all new cars sold in Britain perform

and compares with recent figures for Italy the higgest European diesel market — of 26 to 28 per cent. As in other continental countries, the fuel price has been a decisive

In Italy, for instance, diesel costs little more than a third as much as petrol, although

than petrol and in some sive. So long as in petrol, and a consequent. price cutting forecourts, the

situation is not likely to after. The case for diesel must factors and the most important of these is consumption. Petrol cars have become more economical in the past decade, but the diesel can still offer between 25 and 30 per cent more miles to the gallon, Admittedly, the difference

is greater in town driving than oo the open road, which is why diesel is so popular for taxis, But counted over mileages that for a fleet owner can easily average 40,000 a year, the savings can be impressive. The second advantage is in

lower maintenance costs. Not only do diesels require less servicing but all the evidence suggests they are more reli-able. Scottish and Newcastle Breweries, ooe of the first companies to switch its car fleet completely to diesel, estimated that maintenance costs were 30 per cent down.

The inherent advantages of diesel counted for little so long as the engines were noisy, luggish and difficult to start. The improvement has now been remarkable, particularly at the smaller end of the market where Volkswagen led the way with a diesel Golf. Apart from a suggestion of the bid diesel clatter during the warm-up period, the engine

could almost have passed for a

petrol version.

Thanks to the development of fast-glow plugs, ignition is now virtually as quick as in a

petrol car. The performance penalty has also been reduced. Time was when a two-litre diesel car would accelerate at about the bigger the diesel engine, the more sluggish it felt in com-parison with its petrol coun-

terpart. Drivers wanting brisk per formance would still choose a diesel car to give it to them, although if acceleration through the gears remains on te top speed performance penalty and that is turbo diameter. Turbo puts back terms of the zip "lost" in the transition from a petrol to does add to the vehicle's price.

The device is specially ap-propriate to big cars and has been adopted on such models But the turbo u Charade diesels has



by supply. Not so long ago the only manufacturers to offer therefore be made on other diesel cars in Britain were relatively small volume importers such as Mercedes-Benz, Opel and Peugeot.

Now the choice is extensive aod, significantly, diesels have entered the manufacturers' catalogues. Ford stimulated sales in Britain by introducting its 1.6-litre engine in mid-1984. Fitted to the Fiesta. Escort and Orion, this unit alone accounts for a third of all diesels sold in Britain.

With a 2.3 Peugeot engine available on the Sierra range, Ford has come from nowhere to dominate the British diesel market

Peugeot, with the little 205 as its most successful diesel notable abscotee, apart from a diesel version of the Rover produced mainly for export, is Austin Rover.

But that will change in the autumn with the introduction of the long-awaited two-cylinder diesel developed jointly by Austin Rover and Perkins. Using a direct-injection system that should beat conventional diesels on power and offered on the Offentego and Macstro. March Services

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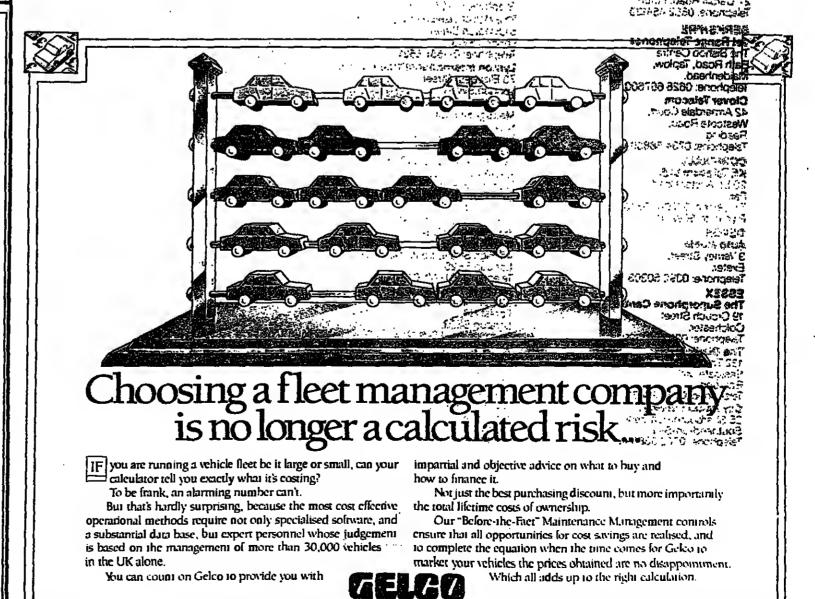
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attractive features of Japanese cars was that almost every one came with a radio fitted as standard. In contrast, most British and European cars just

had a trim-covered hole in the facia. . This was the seed of a revolution which, today, sees more than 90 per cent of UK-produced cars fitted with some form of in-car entertainment (ICE); at least a radio and, in the upper echelons of the market. electronic-stereo. AM/FM, tape-playing combination sets. In a total market worth £175 million at trade values, line-fit radio and cassette players account for about half the units sold and it is a market still growing at 10. per cent annually.

Used for some time as an addedvalue model step marker, - base models had no radio, the mid-range was endowed with a manual tuner and at the top end a push-button radio/cassette player became the norm - in-car entertainment has now come of age. There is a feeling that you can't sell a car in the fleet or retail sectors without some box of tricks in that facia hole.

Vauxhall has led the way, putting radios and combination units into Cavalier and Astra at a time when their fleet fortunes were riding high. Peugeot Talbot, Ford and Austin Rover have been quick to follow. Line-fit ICE-makers are few and far

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Now, Motorola has lost the Austin

Rover business. Philips is the emergent giant, having just scooped Austin Rover to add to its Peugeo Talbot and Vauxhall portfolio. With plants in France, West Germany and Singapore. Philips is the world sleading producer of ICE equipment. Philips has even concluded a deal with Mitsubishi, itself a: maker of in-car units, to supply sets

for Colt cars. Ford is switching all models to radios and combination units made by its own Canadian electronics operation. Japanese Clarion is the only other maker with a

significant foothold. Part-owned by Nissan Clarion appears in such awesomely British products as Jaguar Range Rover. Until recently this whole-

sale change to include radios and tapeplayers in the standard feature line-up was something of a cynical exercise by car makers. A two-waveband, monaural, manually-tuned radio bought at knockdown prices and installed with little regard to acoustics: was what the Japanese had offered and what British-car buyers were

Consumers comparing with high street models could see similar, if not the same, models on the shelves at discounted prices from £30 to £100 plus the cost of speakers, acriais and

The climate is changing fast under four hig influences. Drivers are demanding better units to wile away long hours at the wheel and avail themselves of the real benefits of traffic information broadcasts in avoiding snarf-ups."

For the car makers, equipment is coming down in price in real terms. New technology brings threewaveband digital electronic units into the buying frame. And now that ICE is a standard rather than a bolt-in

fterthought, it is worth calling in audio engineers at the design stage to site. speakers correctly and iron out inter-The Philips radio-cassette player, ference, suppres-

changes in benefit taxation have given company drivers. now paying a substantial part of the annual running costs, a far greater say in what they drive and the gear that is fitted in it. Among fleets where the driver is given a budget to buy 10, trading down to a lower-priced car and then spending the balance on selected accessories, including far better sound systems than any maker currently, installs, is an accepted

No one has been more thorough in the customizing of a sound system to its top-notch models than Renault.

Electronique feature a tailored highpower, multi-speaker system with remote controls at the steering wheel by Philips, Says Simon Turner, UK car audio sales and marketing manager for the Anglo-Durch company: More and more, we are in at the design stage to position the speakers correctly, specify the units and obtain better audio results".

Ford is not far behind. Having consolidated its European electrical and electronics operations divisions at new headquarters and laboratories in Basildon, Essex, it is putting substantial effort into the design of new sound systems for cars throughout its range.

The first fruits are three electronic units built to high performance standards for various model levels in Orion, Escort, Sierra and Granada 1986 updates.

As new models and updates come along all Fords will be given the once-over for audio performance as well as receive the Ford rear-window heater element aerial, now on the Escort, Orion and Granada.

It is a revolution which has undoubtedly shown benefits for all types of drivers. Though car prices certainly reflect elements of the more costly equipment they now contain, reasonable quality in-car sounds have been achieved at a fraction of the cost of equipment on the general market.

David J. Rowlands



Sounding out: Peter Sunter of ITM Offshore, the first Hentz leasing customer to have a car phone fitted under a Hertz-National Radiofone arrangement and, below, using a VDU to National Radiofone arrangement assess a vehicle's "lifetime cost"

Private mobile radio on line at last in Britain

proved beyond recogn The two competing cellular-elephone networks. Celluci service and Britain is on the verge of a rapid growth in private mobile radio (PMR).

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licences for national transled removed modify from a which
radio networks and further and have external battery pack licences for additional services in a number of the hig arban erbations. In recent years; particularly in the London channels has prevented the growth of PMP.

With PMR systems, a radio channel is allocated to a user, either exclusively or shared

er or not there is a need public switched telephone net-work (PSIN) or whether the need is just to keep in contact 2 "closed user possible with staff out on the road, but do not need access to anyone else. Others, at the other end of the scale, want to

are always within reach of a public telephone. despatcher radio because it is widely used to despatch a taxi or service mechanic to the next call, is generally used to pass a specific message. Typically, the service centre, the desnost appropriate individual to having allocated the task.

asses on the cutomer's rees mostly radiite outwards from the centre and there is little need to carry ased in a totally different manner from a cellular radio which provides a telephone Cellular radio provides a

end growing rapidly. Each ased with cordless es which are, in effect.

The instruments can be hand-portable operating from

the house and garden.



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and auteous attached so that it can be used as a transportable. The animber of cellular sub-scribers is growing rapidly and their numbers will be ap-

mosching 100,000 by the year end. Following initial short-ages of supply, is it now a very competitive market with budet-priced sets being offered. Even though these provide the Trunked systems have a mental to the network ammber of channels which are call forwarding, they are basic multi-mad chared by sever-mits having fewer memories.

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tional coverage down to small firms operating in just one mies of scale where, for exam

entrust installation to a large .They recor installation will, as well as

vehicle by leaving un oles and damage has been removed. By its very nature, cellular

radio can be tried out on a pilot mitment to equip the Not only do new radios

These new-generation se are ideal for use on trunked networks and their control units are no larger than an conveniently into a small ser-VICE VED.

So at the same time as providing management with the beachts of improved conciency. PMR can belp staff to reduce the amount of time they waste on a voidable and unnec-

essary journeys.

Even before carrying out trials, areas can be identified tion between staff on the more and the office would be cost-

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Stylish and practical: The Audi Avant Though accounting for only 144,410 of the 1.8 million new cars sold last year, estate cars have a special place in the bearts of British motorists.

One indication of this is the number of conversions.

that the hatchback has made the estate unnecessary.

There is, for instance, no estate version of the current Ford Granada, introduced last year, because the addition of a

rear door was thought to be

number of conversions car-ried out by small specialist coachbuilders of cars not offi-Certainly the estate version of the previous Granada was excellent, offering an enormous amount of space and cially offered by manufactur-ers in estate versions. Even the much-cherished by its owners. Certainly, too, the hatchback is not a substitute for the estate in the amount of load space it can offer and, just as important, the beight of the load area and ease of access. The mark of the true estate is a tailgate that comes right down to floor level and does not leave an awkward lip over

which luggage must be Broadly speaking the estates follow the character of their The demise of the Granada saloon counterparts and this, in turn, often follows national leaves the top end of the estate market in the hands of the preferences. Thus the French Mercedes-Benz T Series, the value softly sprung cars, while the Germans go for tautly handling vehicles with a corre-Volvo 740/760, the Audi Avant and the Nissan 300C. The Mercedes is a typically robust vehicle, if rather lackspondingly harder ride. In the last decade or so the ing in space, and the Nissan traditional estate has come has the space but not the

laguar has been accorded the

treatment, which may sound like sacrilege but would not be done at all if there were no

But the more potent re-minder of the British yen for estates is the existence of more

than 30 models, offering a

choice not only in size and

price but diesel as well as

petrol engines and, in a few cases, four-wheel drive.

customers for it.

under increasing challenge from the hatchback, a half-The Avant only just qualiway house between an estate fies as an estate, its rounded, and a saloon. Some manufacstylish back giving it more of a hatchback look. Variants inturers have taken the view

Although there is a challenge from the hatchback, it is no substitute in the amount of load space it can offer and the ease of access



Spacious and comfortable: The Peugeot 505

Estates are still firm favourites with the British

Quattro and a turbocharged diesel. The big, tank-like Volvo estates have long been a favourite of the British motorist. The recently introduced 700 series is no more elegant than its predecessor, which is still available, but rides better and is more refined.

Coming down a notch in size and price, the choice is mainly between the Vauxhall Carlion, a roomy, efficient vehicle in the German idiom, and two excellent French veterans, the Citroen CX and the Peugeot 505. The Citroen has a character all of its own, from the graceful styling, to the soft hydro-pneumatic suspension and ultra-responsive steering. More conventional mechanically, the Peugeot is not

dream. In short, an outstanding vehicle. Both the CX and 505 offer the choice of petrol and diesel engines and both come in "family" versions with three rows of forward-

The medium sector is the most contested and headed by two home-produced ranges, the Ford Sierra and Austin Montego. The Sierra is a well-designed, no-nonsense vehicle, which to some eyes is somewhat better looking than the salooo from which it derives. As usual with Ford, there is a big range of variants
- currently 10 - with engines
from 1.6 to 2.3 line and including petrol and diesel.

The Montego is an estate

look at, as well as being practical with such optional features as an integral roof rack and a twin rear child seat comes in a turbocharged ver-

that can increase pessenger carrying capacity to seven. There are 1.6 and two litre engines but not yet a diesel. An import from the Conti-nent, the Vauxhall Cavalier. has not been the success that sales of the market-conquering saloon might suggest. Not over-specious, and available io only one engine size - a 1.6 - it is a sturdily built car with tight handling.
The Volkswagen Passat has

the teutonic virtues of sound construction and responsive handling and offers among its engines an impressive 1.6-litre turbo diesel. Fiat's Regata Weekend is a one-engine mod-el — a 1.6 — which is roomy and economical and has an unusual tailgate that is split in the middle and folds both up and down to give extra low-

loading access.

French challengers in the medium sector include the roomy and comfortable Peugeot 305, the soon-to-bereplaced Renault 18 and a relative newcomer, the Citroen BX, which has all the flair associated with that marque. The Japanese Subaru

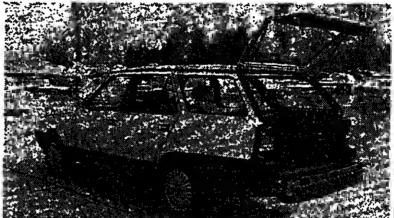
offer four-wheel drive and

The small-estate sector is dominated by the Ford Escort; Vauxhall's Astra is its neares rival. Recently facelified, the Escort comes in nine versions and a five-speed gearbox as standard with all 1.6 litre engines, which include Ford's refined and economical diesel.

The Astra is a nippy car, with a good combination of bandling and ride and almost as much load space as its sister, the Cavalier. It, too, offers a 1.6-litre diesel as an alternative. alternative. With Austin Rover not

offering an estate version of the Maestro, the main smallcar alternatives to the Escort and Astra are Japanese. The Nissan Sunny, Toyota Corolla and recently revised Mazda 323 are conventional load carriers with the usual Japanese promise of reliability. More interesting technically

is the Toyota Tercel, which alone of the estates in its sector has four-wheel drive. No one pretends that it has the versatility of Land-Rover but for motorists who need an offroad vehicle, it is a cheaper



If the price is right the source doesn't matter

The Montego (left)

is pleasing and

practical with room

for seven and has

optional features.

Regata Weekend

(right) is a one-engine model

and is roomy

and economical

Directors and managers re-sponsible for buying company cars in bulk have an unprecodented choice of British and imported models now that the origin of the cars is a matter of fast diminishing importance.

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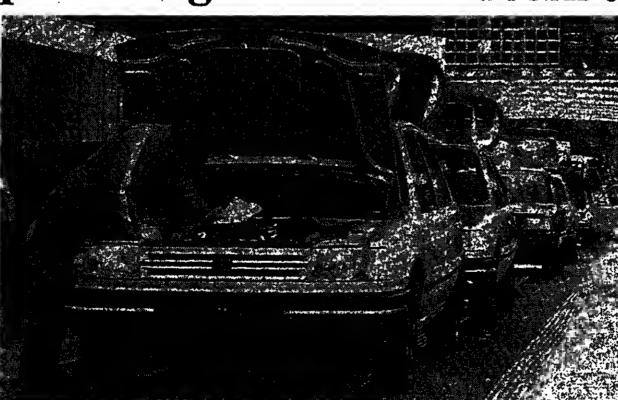
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This follows the dominent roles of Ford and Vanxhall as No.1 and No.2 importers respectively as well as being the market leaders (together with Austin Rover) in UK car registrations. Last year, when home market sales reached a record 1,832,408 cars, 58 per cent were import-ed. Of the Ford share of 485,492 cars with European parentage, 271,521 were made in Britain but 139,675 came from Germany, 43,599 from Spain while 30,697 were as-

sembled in Belgium.
Ford say: "It would be wrong to suggest there is no resistance to imports but it is minimal these days. Modern production methods ensure that all cars conform with the model specifications which are followed precisely in all the factories. For most of our customers a Ford is a Ford wherever it originated."

As with private buyers Ford find that those who buy in bulk have their minds concentrated wonderfully by dazzling discounts. With most Ford Sierra models, a current attraction is the fitting of a sunroof which would otherwise be a £300 extra. Fleet buyers can also get Sierras with the 1.8 litre engine based on terms for the 1.6 litre unit. This Sierra sales drive helped Ford take a 42 per cent share of the fleet market sales (defined as of 25 cars or more) in January compared with Vauxhail's 32 per cent and Austin Rover's 17 per cent. The 1985 figures were Vauxhall 45 per cent, Ford 40 per cent and Austin Rover 21 Last year Vauxhall sold in

Britain more Vauxhall cars imported from the mainland



Made in Britain: The Peugeot 309 being tested at the end of the assembly line in Coventry

made in British factories. The imports, totalling 160,597 cars, came from Germany (77,458) Spain (61,358) and

Belgium (21,781). This is a sensitive issue at Vauxball where, it is left, the figures fail to reflect the contribution made by General Motors, the parent company, to Britain's economy through both cars and commercial vehicles via Bedford. In 1984, it is pointed out, GM earned £214 million for Britain in exports while GM divisions in North America and Europe bought £101 million worth of goods and services from UK suppliers. Huge investments, including high-tech paint fa-cifries at both Luton and Ellesmere Port, are designed to extend the influence of

of Europe than the 134,764 Britain in GM's global strate- what they want rather than Vauxhall report little antiimport resistance. A new Vauxhall may be British made; it may not, but the source has little or no bearing

on the final decision about buying, it is said. Extra business in something different

The more traditional importers like Fiat, Renault and VW-Audi share in a strong market move whereby fleet buyers increasingly select price brackets within which price brackets within which stop long drawn-out argu-company car drivers can pick ments among the staff on the

having to choose from a restricted list of specified models. Many importers feel they have a model spread which can offer a wide fleet choice. They say they pick up extra fleet business because they can offer something dif-ferent to the run-of-the-mill company car line-ups.

In the interests of employee satisfaction, price categories fixed by the pecking order in a company's stalling structure tend to be more generous than used to be the case. There are several reasons. This tends to

company car theme. Also, having a company car is so old hat that the real interest is in having a good one; preferably better than the neighbour's! This greater freedom of choice is a boost for the better

equipped models with full incar entertainment like a quality radio and cassette player. In basic car design features such as improved road holding, quietness in engine runnin and ride comfort have all reflected the needs of company car drivers who spend many hours at the wheel and expect to drive in some style. Imports have a virtual monopoly of diesel car sales in

very much on fleet use since the higher the annual mileages the greater the benefits in fuel economy and longer engine life. Diesel car sales in Britain of 14,530 in 1982 rose to 24,486 in 1983 and 45,382 in 1984. In the first 11 months of 1985 (the latest figure available) there were 62,597 sales. This is a small share of the total UK market (less than four per cent) but it is significant because of the steady growth which is expected to

Japanese importers have not been as active in the fleet market as they would have liked because of the voluntary restrictions on shipments to Britain. But there is keen interest in long term growth business as indicated by Nissan UK, the leading Japanese importer into Britain with 105,517 new car registra tions last year. Mr Brian Mahoney, a former Austin Rover executive, has joined the Nissan UK board as a director with special respons bilities for fleet sales.

With the assembly of the new Peugeot 309 at Coventry the Peugeot/Talbot emphasis is poised to swing from imports to UK production. Last year there were 45,628 imports from France sold compared with 24,890 British made registrations.

The Peugeot 309 has 65 per cent British content with the assembly not just a bolting together operation since body parts come from France as sheet metal which is fashioned and put together in Coventry. So the 309 is classed as a British car. Initial fleet orders are de-

scribed as very encouraging.

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More room now for the professionals

Increased demand for fleet management services seems to be part of the change in thinking which came during the worst of the recession. The search for efficiency was on with a vengeance so that after companies had rationalized workforces they then started to look at their more peripheral but nevertheless crucial activities among which car fleets were the most important

from a cost point of view. Gelco International, part of the United States-based Gelco Corporation, estimates that fleet management servicing now accounts for between 7 per cent and 9 per cent of a fleet market that in total amounts to 1.2 million vehi-

attitudes now emerging, a further growth this year in the use of fleet management ser-vices of at least 20 per cent seems likely. There was a growth last year of about a

These are estimates by Roy Foster, managing director of the Manchester-based Gelco International which has been a specialist in fleet management in Britain for 11 years. Gelco and Swindon-based PH & H. both with United States parents, claim to be the leading specialists in the fleet management sector where there is also an increasing

number of companies which have won their spurs in contract hire and are putting

their expertise in all aspects of ment to good use by offering specific fleet

management arrangements.

Equally, Gelco has also diversified with a sister company now operating in con-

Research for Gelco by Dunn & Bradstreet, the market research specialists, suggests that there was growth last year in leasing of vehicles, now accounting for about a fifth of the company car market, and rather more in contract hire (nearly 18 per cent of the fleet market). Outright purchase has slipped from rather more than 66 per

These estimates are rather more optimistic than some and contract hire, but the conclusions do reinforce the evidence for a switch by an increasing number of compa-nies towards a more professional approach to management

Fleet policy decisions now are largely in the hands of top managers, Dunn & Bradstreet found. The research showed that half the decisions were made hy a managing director or principal of a company while another quarter were attributed to senior finance executives. Directors were involved in another 15 per cent of such decisions.

There is now an array of computer software packages that help companies get to grips with flect management. It is another indication of the ncreasing sophistication of companies towards such man- are in high demand.

But the fleet management

see big room for expansion because so many fleets are still self-managed. It is those with car fleets of up to 300 vehicles which are seen as the likeliest now to turn to the profession-

David Scaife, Gelco's sales director, said: "Companies in this bracket are becoming aware that a fleet manager is no longer a man with grease on his hands and girlie calen-ders on the wall. They need a financial controller who only wants to spend part of his time concerned with fleet management." What fleet management

companies offer, for a management fee, is to take on all the administrative burden of running a vehicle fleet from initial purchase of cars through their insurance and maintenance and repairs to their eventual sale and re-

placement. The aim is to do all this with the greatest efficiency. But it does not run to what the contract hire companies effectively offer which is a total insurance on the bottom-line cost. Fleet management com-panies do not, for instance, guarantee a specific re-sale price for a fleet car at the end of its useful life.

For the medium-sized and smaller company particularly there is nevertheless the chance of benefiting from the discounts which big fleet man-

panies can Decisions are secure from car now being taken makers. Gelco. by top managers for instance, is responsible for in the industry

bre of buying power can only be matched by the bigger British companies running their own fleets. It equally means discounts on replacement items from parts to

tyres, batteries and exhausts. But what the fleet management specialists claim is that in the expertise of qualified automotive engineers who can ensure that garages do what they should be doing in maintenance and repairs at the

most reasonable price.
Mr Foster said: "With our cent of the company car market to less than 58 per cent. About 70 per cent of fleets still appear to be self-like time." Due warning can be given of what to do and an anticipating snags and costs before they happen so that a strategy for a particular others on the role of leasing car fleet can be built up and the right decisions taken in good time.

> As the City approaches the Big Bang that will widen competition later this year many financial institutions are turning to the fleet management services as more cars are being acquired as part of the remuneration packages for the financially skilled now in such demand. Some City firms have gone from ownership of a score of cars to nearer 200, according to Gelco.

What the bright young City gent is driving varies widely. There are high specification Vauxhall Cavaliers and Ford Sierras as well as the especially popular VW Scirocco, the VW Golf GTi, the whole range of BMWs and particularly the Audi Quattro models. Porsches, not unexpectedly,

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BOXING

Praise in the promised land for England's midfield composure

Joe Mirimovich believes competent in the air so the that England could win the approach was ineffective. I World Cup this summer. The appreciate that English crowds manager of Israel, who is like excitement and goalabout to lose his position after mouth incidents but that failing to qualify for the finals. method will not win World acted as an amicable diplomat Cups and especially in the earlier this week, but he was heat and at the height of not merely offering a warm Mexico. farewell as he gave his opinion at Ben Gurion airport on

Wednesday evening. Mirimovich is a keen follower and an admirer of that the average score in English football. In the four matches around the world is and a half years that he has 0-0, 1-0, 1-1 or possibly 2-1. spent in charge of the Israeli side he has invited a succession of League clubs to his game. homeland. Manchester United, for instance, are to play in Tel Aviv next month.

He has extended the hand of friendship elsewhere around from Scotland, Belgium, Uruguay and Argentina have re-cently accepted his hospitality and the Argentine national team will be his guests during his last game on May 4. Mirimovieh, therefore, has more than a distant and parochial view of the participants who will gather in

His heartening optimism the midfield trio of Robson. Hoddle and Wilkins, Three years ago he saw England's think that with them you laboured goalless draw at could beat the world." Wembley in a European Championship tie. Lee, Mabbutl and Devonshire, later to give way to Rix, were then responsible for England's designs. Or they should have

The long high ball was who sat in the Ramat Gan used almost throughout the stadium on the outskirts of evening," he recalled, "The Tel Aviv. were not surprised Greek defenders were tall and by any of them.

to adjust their tactics.

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"In those conditions you can't run around at 150 mph. as you have to if you play that way. People should remember One goal, in other words, is

"Each of them lasts for 90 minutes, so why is everybody in such a hurry? We knew that we couldn't compete in the bigger, fitter and stronger. We had to be quiet, like the Italians, and then suddenly make a noise, a sudden burst. as when we took the lead.

"But I was impressed by England's midfield. Instead of rushing around and panicking, they were calm and composed. They are all so skilful, so comfortable on the ball and some of their moves. those intricate little patterns mixed with the longer penetrative passes, were wonderful 1

Those who sat in their armchairs at home on Wednesday afternoon and watched the distorted picture that can often be presented by television may be astounded by his words. Some of those

Robson's comeback bordered on the sensational. It has not yet completely was reasonable for the Encomfortable with their partgland manager, Bobby Robson, later to compare his heavy influence to that of

Platini's on the fate of France. England's captain confirmed that he is a match-winner of the highest calibre and, after winning his fiftieth cap, he revealed during the flight home that he had set himself another personal target.

He is aiming to overtake Keegan and Channon io the list of England goalscorers. Both of them scored 21, in 63 and 46 appearances respeclively. But they were forwards. Robson, with a breathtaking right-footed volley and a penalty in the 2-1 victory over Israel, now lies only three behind them.

He has already equalled the records of Hunt, a centreforward who scored his 18 in only 34 internationals, and Haynes, who was selected 56 times. He is the only midfield representative in English history with anything like a similar striking rate to Robson, apart from Peters, who was credited with 20 in 67. Hoddle, given the free role where he is most dangerous in Tcl Aviv, remains the most consistent supplier of ammu-

His floated chip for Robson's first spectacular goal early in the second half was precision itself. So, minutes later, was his pass for Woodcock, who lost control and thus the opportunity.

Wilkins, the anehor, was more positive than usual. Although there are still reser-vations about whether he and

nership), there can be few doubts that they form England's most productive

England would have been in even more control of their own destiny on Wednesday if there had been adequate firepower up front. It was painfully clear that Dixon, so short of mental strength if not physical fitness, should not have been chosen.

Beardsley, in his first full appearance, consequently suffered from Dixon's meagre contribution. He cannot be faulted for lack of enthusiasm and nor can Martin but his display, only bis second in 21 months, was disappointingly fallible. The identity of Butcher's partner in defence remains one of Bobby Robson's two positional prob-

The other is whether he should persist with a winger. In the debilitating conditions during the World Cup finals that still appears to be an unnecessary luxury. The recent performances of Waddle. though less frustrating on Wednesday, and Barnes, his late replacement, do not sug-gest that England can safely

Before leaving for the final preparations. Bobby Robson has effectively only three hours, against the Soviet Union in Tbilisi next month and against Scotland at Wernbley in April, in which to find the two answers. If he does, the voice that was raised in the promised land might be accurate in claiming that Mexico could be a land of promise.

Cox taunt upsets

Arthur Cox, the Derby County manager, could face a charge of bringing the game into disrepute over remarks be alleg-edly made to the Sheffield Wednesday goalkeeper, Martin Hodge, after the I-I FA Cup fifth round draw between the two clubs at the Baseball Ground on Wednesday night.

Hodge was involved in a collision with Bobby Davison which earned the Derby forward a booking and the goalkeeper said later that Cox had told him he deserved an Academy Award "It is the sort of thing that would qualify as a disrepute matter but we will take oo action unless the incident is

mentioned in the referee's report or the player complains to us," an FA spokesman said. conscious in an earlier collision with Davison, added that be had later received an apology from Cox about his comments.

Cox about his comments.

Cox repeated his apology yesterday. "I am sorry that the healines were made about such a meaningless incident, rather than his goalkeeping, which was outstanding," he said.

Hodge went to bospital for a precautionary X-ray examination when he arrived back in Sheffield.

Shapter clear

Lester Shapter, the referee, has escaped being charged by the Football Association after remarks he is alleged to have made to Danny Wallace, the Southampton and England

Shapter, from Torquay, reportedly accused Wallace of "trying to con" referees after Southampton's match against Luton at The Dell. An FA spokesman said that the com-ments were not considered seri-

Hodge

mate and conditions between playing golf in the United Kingdom and whacking the wee ba' around in the United States has rarely been better demonstrated than by Sandy Lyle's and very awkward greens, make disastrous opening round yesterday on his return to the Tour terday of his return to the Tour terday of his return to the Tour terday that he has played here after his three-week sojourn at Sunningdale to attend the

Christine.

Lyle started steadily enough in the \$500,000 Honda Classic at 7,30am or just after the golden sun had risen above the man-made hills of the 7,037-yard Eagle Trace "players" stadium course". Three pars augered well at first for the Open champion who has drooped to champion who has dropped to 40th place on the money list

eliminator against Frank Bruno at Wembley

GOLF

Lyle is finding it

hard to qualify

From John Ballantine, Coral Springs, Florida

The vast differences in eli-nate and conditions between laying golf in the United clease, the thick ryc and Ber-

muda grasses which make it impossible to run balls into greens as in Britain, and the fast

yesterday that he has played only 27 holes since Hawaii because of the pressures of my

business at this awkward time of year." finds competing a few miles from his family home in

North Palm Beach a trial.

"I flew back from Honolulu

vowing to work on my short game but I haven't been able to

get away from my desk. I'll just

said the" Golden Bear", who will compete in four of the next five events, missing only Arnold Palmer's Bay Hill Classie in Orlando. Nicklaus covered the back nine in 36 and looked in

back nine in 36 and looked in

much better form than of late.

It has to be said that Lyle was not himself as one hour before

hotel room had been broken

into and his travellers cheques

CURRENT MONEY LEADERS: 1, H Surpor, \$141,960; 2, & Langer, \$141,692; 3, C. Prete, \$139,468; 4, D. Hammond, \$122,150; 5, C. Paren, \$118,476; 6, F Zoeter, \$115,875; Others: 40, S. Lyte, \$27,449; 52, K. Brown, \$21,856.

Walsall have signed the Birmingham City reserve goal-keeper, Mark Prudhoe, on a month's loan. Prudhoe, who

recently turned down a perma-nent move to Lincoln City, is

likely to make his debut at Newport tonight alongside the central defender. Ken Arm-strong, who was bought for £60,000 from Birmingham on Monday

13-8 lead, was in no mood to

Having scraped through his

play second fiddle yesterday.

SNOOKER

Thorne cruises through

to cruise to his second major his new stablemate Steve Da-

final of the season in the vis in the Coral UK final last November after surrending a

up against a bemused John last two matches 5-4, he was Virgo. Virgo, who had lost his far more positive as he five previous tournament slammed in breaks of 83, 57.

matches against Thome, drew 45, 104, 95 and 83 while Virgo

first blood when he rattled off ported just one red in the last

Willie Thorne rolled home a opening frame. 113-0.

had been stolen.

after his enforced holiday. However, Lyle's simple upper-body swing then let him' down and he dropped six strokes in his next six holes to reach the turn in 42. He was two over par at the 193-yard sev-

like Tim Simosoo and Payne Stewart covering the same stretch in eight shots fewer, were sure to present the Scot with awasome difficulties in attempt-

ing to qualify.

• Was it the cultural and physical shock of exchanging the Siberian blasts of wintry Surrey for the balmy warmth of South Florida? Maybe not entirely for Peter Oosterhuis, whose giant frame has become inured to the pleasures of living in sunny California compared to the dreary mud of Dulwieh over the past 13 years, also took 42 to

reach the turn.

Ken Brown went out very late. Nick Faldo has gone home to recharge his mental batteries and Bernbard Langer restarts in Miami next week. Three of the most important differences be-

succession of majestic breaks

yesterday.
Thome needed only three

more frames for victory in the

first semi-final after going 6-1

BASKETBALL

FOOTBALL

HOCKEY

a break of 64 to take the three frames.

HOCKEY

The Army break

The Army went on the march at Bisham Abbey yes-terday to spoil the record of the Civil Service, who had looked invincible after they had beaten the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force. Oo this performance the Army must be favourites to retain the title in the Services championships starting at Willsden

three defenders and scored with a crisp shot. The strain of playing three days in succes-

the running.
After 17 minutes of eager striving the Army equalized. Jolly combining well with Jennings to capitalize on a move which he had started himself. The revitalized Army were deprived of a goal in the 27th minute when Dogra, with the goalkeeper beaten, saved a shot from Gordon on the line and when the first half ended

Two goals were contrived in the last minutes of play, one by Hemmings for the Army at a short corner, with assistance from Shuttleworth, and the other by Taylor for Civil Service, who was sent on his

• lan Jennings, who plays outdoors for the Army, will be wearing a different shirt today when he appears for St Albans, the holders, in the Royal Bank Michael Sobell Sports Centre. Islington. St Albans have a strong side which includes Halliday and Giles and, if they beat East Grinslead, will meet cither Tulse Hill or Stourport in the semi-finals. In the other half

7.30 raniess stated Third division

Fourth division Cembridge v Halifax Southend v Mansfield P Tranmere v Exeter

Newport y Walsell

Subseria v Prench Students (shagend, 2.30).
C.1.18 MATCHES: Brissol v Pompridd
(7.15): London Irish v Clontast (3.0);
Northampton v Gloucester: Penarth v Tradegar (7.0): Rosslyn Park v OttBelvsders: Swanaas v South Wales Police
(7.0): Waspe v Coventry (7.16).

Winding up before winding down: Gerrie Coetzee and his trainer, Willie Locke, wrapping up at the Lonsdale gym five days before Coetzee's World Boxing Association final heavyweight

into a run

By Sydney Friskin

Civil Service

on Monday.

Yesterday's action began in the first minute with Civil Service taking the lead. Hay picked up the ball as it ran loose from a tackle, swept past sion may have told on Civil Service, for after they had lost two chances the Army look up

the Army bad forced six short

corners. Five minutes after the resumption of play the Army went ahead, having had better luck with a short corner. which was converted by Jennings. They came close to scoring from another short corner when Hemmines hit a post but their endeavours were rewarded when Banham received a pass on the right from Gordon and ran on to

Service, Who was sent on his way by Batchelor.

CIVR. SERVICE: K Beyriff: M Yellowiess, H S Dogra, N Futter, P Giles, H Williams, Nazir Mohemed (sub. E Vickery), J Taylor. A Batchelor, A Hay. O Patel.

ARMY: Lt R Lowin (RE), Maj T Marwaha (REME, Cept GB Grossman (RE), 2nd Lt B Hemmings (RE), L/OH I Jennings (PARA), Bot I Stratish (RA), Sub: Sqt C Peoch, RAPC), Cept M Bantham (RIA), Capt I Jodly (RA), Lt N Gordon (RIA) Capt P Shuttleworth (Light Infentry), Capt A Mean's (RA) (Sub: Lt P Frostick, REME). Umpleus. Sqt J Patel Combined Services)

indoor club championship. which will be concluded at the of the draw Southgate will be opposed by Bournville and the winners will meet either Firebrands or Welion.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

RUGBY UNION REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES: English Universities v Irish Universities (Southampton University, 2.45); Welsh Students v French Students (Bridgend.

Sir lan Trethowan, the Levy Board chairman, said: "Both the senior stewards of the Jockey Club and the chairman of the Rageonauses." Club and the chairman of the Racecourse Association have spoken recently of the need to improve accommodation for the public and to stage racing at times when it will attract the greatest public support."

He described as a "major watershed" the three-year agreement on leave rates that the ment on levy rates that the board had been able to arrange

with bookmakers and the Tote, which he said had enabled them to plan ahead with confidence.

"We must, however, have a
clear picture of what each
racecourse needs before we can decide what can be achieved realistically and over what period." Sir lan said. "Over the period." Sir lan said. "Over the coming months we shall be drawing up a five-year to 10-year plan of racecourse improvements in close collaboration with the Jockey Club and the Racecourse

RACING

Courses to

from Levy

Board

The Levy Board plan to make more than £10 million available for the modernization of Britain's racecourses before the end of the decade. The need to

improve facilities at the race-track was described as an urgent priority in the board's 1986 Strategy Review, published yes-

Other plans include the granting of an extra 20 evening meetings next year and a re-examination of the way prize

money is allocated.

get £10m ¢

Association."

He said he was keen 10 promote sound racecourse management, encouraging courses to market themselves better and make use of their facilities on non-racing days.
Most of the money available to
racecourses will be in the form
of short-term interest-free loans

of short-term interest-tree toans but the board will also make grants for safety projects.

The grants for racecourse improvements are paid out of the board's capital fund which gave £2.5 million for this purpose in the last complete financial year. 1984-85. The projected figures for the three years. figures for the three years following the current financial year are: 1986-87. £2 million; 1987-88. £3 million; 1988-89.

money, which is due to go up five per cent to £12 million next year. Sir lan said: "We have agreed to re-examine the criteria in the light of the representa-tions from many sections of the industry that we should con-sider giving less to the top courses and more to the bottom. While we remain concerned to maintain the quality of racing at the top courses, we shall study alternative methods of

He expressed pessimism about the possibility of Sunday racing in Britain, saying: "It is our view that you cannot have Sunday racing without betting shops being open, as this would through Parliament but it may be that we will have to wait 20 years for Sunday racing to

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OXFORD TORPIDS

Oriel rowed over at the head of Oxford University Torpids yesterday. Keble trailed so far behind as not to offer the remotest threat. Pembroke, in third place, were well out of touch with Keble, but could be challenged by Chair County challenged by Chrisi Church

Christ Church bumped Oriel 11 in front of Oxford University Boat Club with such vigour as to provoke a host of

In the women's divisions Osler House made an early bump on SI Catherine's which took the medical students into second place behind St Hugh's. Wednesday's bumps:

DIVISION I: Brasenose bpd Exeter: Worcester bpd Oueen's: St Cathenne's bpd Jesus: New College bpd Jesus. DIVISION it: New College bpd St Edmund Hall. Wadhem bpd University: Heritord bpd Magdalen, Trimity bpd St John s; Wolfson bpd Osler House; Keble II bpd Osler House

DIVISION Rt: Christ Church II bpd Exeter II: Lincoln II bpd Worcester II. Onel III bpd Worcester II. University II bpd Mansfield. Metton bpd Mansfield; Pembroks II bpd Mansfield. DIVISION IV: Brasenose II bpd Sr Edmund Hell II: Si Cathenne's II bpd St Edmund Hall II: New Colege II bpd Balliol II. St John's II bpd Balliol II: Heritord II bpd Queen's II. Jesus II bpd Exercr II

DIVISION V: Jesus II bpd SI John's III; Wortson II bpd Onal IV : Regent's Park bpd Oniel IV. Keble III bpd Jesus III; Oniel V bpd Jesus IIII; Linacre bpd Ledy Mangaret Hall II; Thorny II bpd Sr Benet's Hall. DIVISION VI: Trinity II bpd Queen's III; Onel VI bpd Brasenose III; Christ Church III bpd Brasenose III; St Peter's II bpd Brasenose III, New College III bpd Merton II, Heriford III bpd Merton II, Lady Margaret Hall III bpd Merton II.

Margaret real in Spot Margaret Hall III bpd Koble IV: New College IV bpd Heritord IV: New College V bpd Wadham IV: St Edmund Hall III bpd Wadham IV: Unver-sity III bod Menon III. Regent's Park II bpd Christ Church IV: Mägdelen III bpd Christ

MOTISION I: Osler House bpd Lady Margaret Hall: Somerville bpd St Hilda's: Wadham bpd Balliol: Jasus 5pd Pembroka.

DIVISION It: Jesus bpd Trinity; Brasenose bpd St Hugh's It: Wotfson bpd Exaler: New Collega bpd Exeter; Queen's I bpd St Hilda's

DIVISION III: Christ Church bpd Magdalen; St Peter's bpd Marton; St John's II bpd Pembroke II; Si Edmund Hali II bpd Pembroka II. DIVISION IV: University II bpd SI Hugh's V: University II bpd SI Hugh's IV: University II bpd Worcester II; Jesus III bpd Jesus III; Jasus III bpd Keble III; Jesus III bpd St Hugh's VI; St Cathanne's II bpd Tranty III.

• For what is believed to be only the fourth time since they started in 1827 there will be no recing during the official Lent week on the Cam in Cambridge. Efforts by the Cam Conservancy launch to clear the use from the river were

Ireland's organization is a bane to the opposition It was, L'Equipe said truth- FIFA and the International fully, a caricature of a match. Board - of which the Irish are Yet French players and commembers! - for not adjusting

frost-bound goalless draw against Northern Ireland on Wednesday, the Irish are well entitled to do likewise. Few contain better than the Irish. Faced with the literacy of such players as Fernandez, It is now seven matches Northern Ireland conceded a goal, and they have drawn their last three matches

in Bucharest, London and Paris, which not a few teams would be glad to do. Whatever of this latest achievement, in which it was almost impossi-hle to turn sharply in the icy positions. Even then, Platini middle area of the pitch, Ireland know that the result Algeria, Spain and Brazil and oblige the opposition in their group in the World Cup finals In their previous two meet-

ings with France, just prior to Barcelona next week. It was a and during the 1982 World tribute to the entertaining Cup finals, Ireland conceded potential of the European eight goals, yet in the modern environment of tactical defence they are nobody's fools. Thanks to the intuitive management of Billy Bingham, not denied some excitement, they are one of those teams even if it was not always with only modest resources who are infuriatingly difficult intentional. Platini, twice, and McIlroy, once, missed chances to beat on account of their from close in when a firmer organization. They also have a foothold would probably have team spirit which is more allowed them to score.

easily generated in a minority nation which of necessity tends to have few team The Irish may not be good consistently increasing the viewing for neutral spectators, pressure on the defence. It is but it is a laudable accomcommendable that players plishment by Bingham's un- with no more than average sung squad and if there is a first division credentials such lack of spectacle it lies with as Nicholl, John O'Neill,

mentators managed to extract the laws to restore some some satisfaction from the advantage to creative players advantage to creative players

Giresse and Platini, Billy Bingham decided on a midfield strategy of zonal rather than man-for-man marking. "If we had five to follow them man for man, especially on that surface, we could have been turned over," he said, "so we marked a space and passed nearly had us with one or two marvellously-judged through

Platini, indeed, showed an unexpected haste for the fray, considering he has such a vital European Cup tie against champions that a crowd of 25,000 braved temperatures as low as minas 10°C in the biting easterly wind, and they were

Bingham acknowledges that the limitation of his side remains its absence of scoring ability, which has the effect of

McDonald and Donaghy per-form to such a level without being either violent or under-hand. McDonald, given the advantage of all defenders on Wednesday evening of being able to face the ball against attackers vainly trying to turn with it, was again outstanding for his positional judgement timing, while Donaghy reads everything with the vision almost of a Bohby Moore.

McIlroy, an inspiring leader succession to Martin in succession to Martin O'Neill - who has only a slim chance of recovering from a serious knee injury in time to be a member of the squad in Guadalajara — and McCreery, find endless enthusiasm ty which stifled France's midfield skill and also provid-

mouth to get the better, of his debut, of such experienced international as Battiston and Bossis was a lot to ask. Yet he did enough in dire conditions to deserve further opportunity.

Bruges forward. and advanced their reputation for a tournament in Mexico in which they will find it even harder to progress than they

ed Ireland's forward move-The decision to play without a winger means that Whiteside, with no-one outside him to receive the ball, is functioning more as a defender than forward in his midfield role, while to have expected Clarke from humble Bourne-

So did Papin, the young Despite it hardly having been a football match Bing-ham considered that his team had gained useful experience

Wilson's consolation prize

did four years ago.

Non-League Football by Paul Newman

professional football career were ended last month by a knee ended tast month by a knee enjury, has received some consolation in the form of a place in the England semi-professional squad for the international against Wales at Merther Tydfil on March 18.

Wilson is one of two Frickley at their players paged in the

Athletic players named in the party, which is also likely to form the basis for the team to play in the annual four-nations tournament in Scotland from May 20 to 24.

Frickley had agreed earlier in the season to sell Wilson, a forward, to Doncaster Rovers for £5,000. The transfer was to be completed after the Gola League club's exit from the FA.

went for a medical, a weakness was revealed in a knee and the imposfer was called off. Three more uncapped forards are in the 16-man souad They are Kim Casey and Paul Davies, who between them have

Cup, which eventually came last

month. However, when Wilson

scored more than 50 goals for Kidderminster Harriers this season, and Carl Richards, leading scorer for the Gola League leaders, Enfield.

Two Telford United players are notable absentees: Colin Williams, who with 12 caps had been a mainstay of the national

Paul Wilson, whose hopes of a inclusion of Russell Wilcox, a professional football career were midfield player, and the York-name of the Militian of Russell Wilcox, a manager of Goole Town, and his assistant Terry Vallance players in the squad if Paul onsolation in the form of a Shirtliff had been available.

Shirtliff had been available. inclusion of Russell Wilcox, a midfield player, and the York-shire club might have had three players in the squad if Paul Shirtliff had been available. Another player who would have been unable to take his place in the party is Keith Barrett, the Enfield defender, who has 16 caps to his credit.

of and selected by Kevin Verity, a Fontball Association coach, contains only three players from outside the Gola League: David

Constantine, the former Altrincham defender now playing for Witton Albion (Multipart League), Mickey Stephens of Sutton United (Vauxhall-Opel League) and Paul Walker of Paul Walker o Blyth Spartans (Drybroughs Northern League).

SQUAD: A Pape (Enfield), D Richardson (Addidstone), O Constantine (Witton), J Devision (Altrincham), D Howelf (Enfield), J Johnson (Altrincham), R Wiscox (Prickley), A Joseph (Teldon), T Senthers (Nursellon), M Stephons (Sutton United), P Walker (Blyth), H Authord (Enfield), K Casey (Kidderminster), P Davies (Kidderminster), C Richards (Enfield), P Wiscon (Fristley) (Frickley).
Reservac R Fearon (Sutton United), 2
Tapley (Wealdstone). P Bowgett
(Wealdstone). K Brown (Bath), R Desecu(Kettering). A Agens (Waymouth), D
Buchaman (Blyth). M Deberty (Way-

 Macclesfield Town, who led the Multipart League for most of the first half of the season, have

bottom of the Multipart League Micky Bullock, the former Halifax Town manager, has taken charge of the Humberside club. Overton is staying on as a Ryhope CA have appointed

Peter Quigley, the former Whit-tey Bay, Brandon United and Durham City player, as manager who left last month to take over another Drybroughs Northern League club, Gretna.

• Billy Smith has resigned as manager of Dulwich Hamlet after differences with Dave Milsted, who look over as

chairman of the Vauxhall-Opel

League premier division club six weeks ago. Allen Batsford, the general manager, who joined Dulwich at the start of the season after successful spells at Waltoo and Hersham, Wimbledon and Wealdstone, will now act as team manager. Micky Leach, the former Queen's Park Rangers always who resigned as ers player, who resigned as manager of Leatherbead in

December, will assist him as

Tuohy resigns

been a mainstay of the hautonal team for several seasons, and Kevin Charlton, a goalkeeper. Indeed, the Shropshire elub, experiencing difficult times after all their success of recent seasons, have only one player, Antone Joseph, in the party.

Frickley's highly successful season is emphasized by the Liam Tuohy, the former

FOR THE RECORD ICE HOCKEY PONCHETTI CUP (woment: Sami-fine) we-sed leg: letra Lublara (Yug) 88, Directo Novosbrah (USST) 82 (Novosbrah quality for first on aggt; 885 Butapest (Hug) 80, Krayakovtal Solla (Bul) 66 (BSE quality for NORTH AMERICA: National league (NRIL): Edmonton Oliers B. Winnipeg John 2: New Jersey Devis 7, New York Islandons 2: Putsburgh Penguins S. Buffato Sabres 2: Littingsots North Stars S. Hartland Whelers 2: Kranscortes Softe (Bul) 66 (BSE quality for final on ang.)
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Amorao Spurs 100; Detroit Pistons 111. Los
Angeles Capears 104; Affanta Newicks 129,
Cervalend Carraiers 105; Procede Sure 113,
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CARLAND: Virginia Sites tournament: First round (US unless stated): H Suscova (C2) fr 3 Hannia (WG) 6-4, 6-2; W Turnbul (Auc) bt C Kartson (Swei) 6-0, 7-6, 9-0, Second round: A Mouton bt B Gadusat; 2-6, 6-3, 7-5; Z Garrison bt P Pati (WG) 5-7, 7-6, 6-3; M Navrethora bt R Festbarck (SA) 6-2, 6-1; K Jortan bt H Mandillove (C2) 7-6, 6-2. FREIGHT ROVER TROPHY: Southern swo-tion: Pestpensel: Reading v Orient, Northern section: Postponsel: Burnley v Derfington, GENTRAL LEAGUE: Second division: Postposset North Library V General Cape Third Southern LEASUE: SM Delicer Cape Third round Postponed: Ariestony V Dudey. — POUTBALL COMMINATION: Swenoos 3. Swenoon 1.

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Louie Donowa, the Norwick City and England Under-21 winger, has joined the Spanish second division cinb, La Co-WOMEN'S REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Con-ada 5, Wiles Under-21 0. runa, oo a month's loan

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Rethink over security arrangements may be necessary, Brown says

the England manager, believes that security arrangements for the Trinidad stage of the West Indies tour may have to be reexamined if local political protests seriously affect the match against the island side which starts today.

Brown, who flew out from Heathrony agreed

Heathrow airport yesterday with England's replacement batsman, Wilf Slack, said, "If things turn out to be worse than we expected, we will have to look at the security arrange-ments again. But we have had all the assurances we would life. expect and every effort has been made in the West Indies.

"We expected demonstra-tions in Trinidad and that is their right. They have the freedom to demonstrate and all we expect is the freedom to play. The West Indies cricket board have assured us of that. They have said we are allowed into every area in the West

If there is violence, however, the match may not take place. England, who were due to arrive in Trinidad late last night, do not intend to stay on the island if they feel they are in danger. The secretary of the West Indies board, Steve Camacho, hinted at the existence of a plan to switch next week's second Test match elsewhere when he said: "We believe we have all the options covered."

As if their troubles on the field were not enough, England's match was moved to Queen's Park Oval from the

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because authorities feared demonstrations could turn vi-olent. The island's major trade unions are protesting against the presence of Gooch, Emburey, Willey and Taylor who toured South Africa with the rebel England team in

The four were suspended from Test cricket for three years but this has not mollified apartheid protesters who are only too well aware that West Indians playing in South Africa have been banned for

Mr Brown's luggage in-cludes protective batting gear and special drinks to combat the heat. He said he expected Slack, the left-handed Middlesex opening batsman who was born in St Vincent and has played for Windward Islands to do well as the replacement for his injured county captain, Mike Gatting, who has had a successful operation on his shattered nose.

"Wilf has played in the West Indies and knows what he is letting himself in for," Mr Brown said. "He is a good batsman who was very close to selection in the first place." Slack, who was plucked from England's B side touring Sri Lanka and was one of their

leading performers, is looking forward to the Caribbean challenge. He said: "As an opening batsman, I know what the line of attack is going to be. To me it's quite normal, because I always bat when the ball is

more open Guaracara Park hard. But I am not looking at it negatively. A couple of the guys have scored half centuries and that's the positive way to think about it."
Slack posed for photogra-

phers at the check-in desk, holding a batsman's helmet, and joked: "Do you think I will need this more than my bat?" He looks like being given a quick taste of the action; be is in the squad of 12 for the Trinidad match and may play in place of Lamb. Apart from Gatting, before his injury, Lamb has been in the most impressive form and could be ready for his first rest

of the tour. Botham, Ellison, Thomas and Downton, who also played in the first Test match, will definitely not play. Botham is still suffering from a groin strain, while Downton's omission allow: the reserve wicketkeeper French, to have his first game He should have kept wicket against Leeward Islands in Antigua, but a dog bit him while he was out training.

Foster, Taylor and Emburey will be endeavouring to win back their Test places, but most interest will surround the batting form of Gower, Robinson, Smith and Slack. Gower, Robinson and Smith have had a torrid time so far. and Slack's arrival could provide much-needed impetus. ENGLAND (from): D I Gower (cap-tain), G A Gooch, R T Robinson, D M Smith, A J Lamb, W N Stack, P Willey, B N French, J E Emburey, P H Edmonds, N A Foster, L B Taylor.

Gomes the threat if peace wins

Kingstoo — Larry Gomes has at in his power to make England stay in Trinidad — but only in a cricketing sense (the Press Association reports). The immediate concern for David Gower and his side was the reception planned for them when they flew in from Jamaica late lass night. Anti-apartheid protesters were expected in large numbers at the airport and numbers at the airport and around the Queen's Park Oval in Port-of-Spain today when England's three-day game against Trinidad and Tobago

begins.

If the matches arranged for Trinidad can go ahead peace-fully. Gomes is likely to feature in all of them and could have an important say in whether En-gland are able to come back from 1-0 down in both the one-

Yet the 32-year-old batsman might easily have been banned from them. On his own ad-



Kandy (Reuter) - Pakistan's victory over Sri Lanka by an innings and 20 runs here yes-terday was marred by an unsavoury incident which took the Sri Lankan batsmen and the unpires off the field for 30 minutes.

The incident occurred when

Ranatunga, who was top scorer for Sri Lanka with 33, was given not out when Rameez at forward short-leg appealed for a catch off Tauseef. Ranatunga was subjected to n verbal bar-rage from the fielders and protested to the umpires. He then left the field with the other the off spinner. Tauseef, who batsman, Dias, followed by the returned his best Test figures of six for 45.

Pakistan's manager, Saleem Aspher Nain, rushed on to the field and consulted with the captain, huran Khan, before play resumed. After the match Imran said his team had felt that Ranatunga was out and should have walked.

Their anger was directed at the balsman and not the un-pires. Test matches have become a serious business and it is very easy to flare up in the competitive atmosphere," Imran said.

Pakistan owed their victory to the off spinner Tauseef who

SRI LANKA: First Innings 109.

Second Innings
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Ravi Radneyake b Innan 7
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A Radnetunga st Zulgarnam b Tausced 50
R Met b Tausced 50
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Fiddian-Green: Beau with the less than dandy name

Sir Neville Cardas wrote an essay on the names of cricketers in which he made amusing play with Gaukrodger. Gankrodger with Gankrodger. Gankrodger
was a Worcestershire player
before the First World War.
Cardus was still at school in
Lancashire. From an evening
paper, on an inside page, be
learnt that Worcestershire had lost six wickets for 60 against Lancashire (be consulted the inside page first to prepare himself against the possibility of had news) and turned on con-

himself against the possibility of had never) and turned on confidently to the stop press.

He was disgusted to find that Worcestershire had made n stont recovery and that Gankrodger was \$2 not out. His disgust was intensified because he felt that nobody with such a name was fit to be a first-class cricketer. "I am glad", he wrote mordantly, "that he never played for England."

I had a similar experience myself when I was a young lad living at Leyton and assidoously supporting Essex. Essex were doing promisingly at Worcester but their progress was wrecked by a character I had never heard of called Fiddian-Green. I believe it was in the stop-press column that I read of this nnexpected thwarting and, though I had never heard of Cardos Evidence Green seemed. though I had never heard of Cardos, Fiddian-Green seemed to me as much an insult after injury as Gankrodger was to him. He was not a Worcester regular. It was not a wortened regular. It was only recently that I came across his name again, in a passing reference, and this recalling the distant pages,

prompted me to look him up in the books. I discovered that he was not a year he headed the county bad player, though I still do not find his name attractive (it was even worse than I had thought in full he was Charles Anderson Fiddian Fiddian-Green). The who was blessed with this trick of a Christian name which tershire averages (40) and it

forestalled half of a double-barrelled surname is John MacGregor Kendall Kendall-Carpenter, the headmaster of Wellington School. Fiddian-Groen was at the Leys School, went up to Cambridge after the first war and in 1921 won a Blue. He did not come into the side until the tour

1921 won a Blue. He did not come into the side until the tour but then scored so beavily that he kept out several batsmen who were to become more famous, including T.C. Lowry, the first captain of New Zealand. In 1922 he came second in the Cambridge averages (just under 50) and was chosen for the Gentlemen at Lord's.

stroke-play, so much so that it was said that no batsman ever had any defence when he left school, and Fiddian-Green, though n stroke-maker him-self, introduced n little re-straint. He had first played for Warwickshire in 1920 and continued to do so in the hotidays antil 1928. In his last

averages, just over 50. He did not play for the next few years but returned — now for Worcestershire — for some matches from 1931 to 1934. In

matches of 1932 (the first time I saw C.F. Walters) and 1933 (the Nawab of Pataudi's offdrive). But I learn that he was an elegant batsman, strong on the off side in the amateur tradition and elegant also in dress and demeanour.

Robertson-Glasgow, who played against him twice in the University match, wrote that "sartorially, he was the Bean Brummel of the Cambridge side" and that his best and side" and that his batting was "the very mirror of orthodoxy", which did not prevent him from being bowled out in 1922 hy a vast off break by Raikes which (according to the same authority) "pitched nearly off the mown surface" - but by then he had shared in a cteatly consistent prevention. steady opening partnership which had put Cambridge

securely on top.

He was an all-round games player: he won a Blue for hockey and played rugby well: but golf was his principal sporting interest after (some-times even before) cricket. He had much to do with the County Cricketers' Golf Society, founded by his Warwickshire captain, F.S.G. Calthorpe. In one University match he won his single 7 and 6 and his foursome 4 and 2. He died in 1976, never knowing that he was my very own

Gankrodger, Alan Gibson only have one match at home still important but so, too, is the which is competitive, and that is money.





Willie Brooks emerges from Portman Square yesterday, having been granted his licence

Latest recruit to training should soon win his wings

into what has become a

For John, it has been rather

like returning home to redis-

cover his roots because he was

born in one of the old cottages at Seven Barrows when his

father, George, was riding for Captain Mather Jackson dur-

Polytechnic,

By Michael Phillips

£200.000 family project.

This year should be a momentous one for Willie Brooks, who became the latest recruit to the training ranks yesterday when he was granted a licence for the coming Flat season by the stewards of the Jockey Club.

In May, Brooks expects to become a father for the first time but before then he hopes to have saddled his first winner as a trainer in his own right, having spent the last eight years assisting Barry Hills and Paul Cole in Lambourn. It is there that he will practice his art.

When Cole moved to Whatcombe last year, he put Hill House on the market, either as a whole or in two lots. Brooks has bought the bottom yard, which consists of 38 boxes and the snug adjoining contage. The main house and yard, comprising another 70 boxes, is still for sale.

Brooks will be starting out on what is often regarded as a hazardous career at the same time as Michael Dickinson and Lester Piggott, two names far more familiar to the racing public. But it has been quite a struggle to get this far. While Dickinson has de-

servedly been fed some of the cream of Robert Sangster's bloodstock at Manton after making such a name for himself training jumpers, and Piggott has been helped by the many friends and contacts he made riding to fill his Eve Lodge stables in Newmarket. Brooks has had to start from scratch without a fanfare of publicity.

Because he only got his licence yesterday, he has had to sell himself quietly without wishing to prejudge the stewards decision. And their inspectorate could only give the green light a fortnight ago when contracts were finally exchanged and matters of security tidied up.

Despite these problems, Brooks will still start his first season with 18 boxes, which is seven more than his predecessor began with 18 years ago. And this has only been made possible by the decision of his father, John, to sell his home in Virginia Water, move into the cottage which his son it vacated in the middle of si Lambourn, and inject capital

Phoenix prize doubled

While Polonia's players carried their coach. James Tytko, around the court on their shoulders to a salute of Polish hunting horns, Speedwell Reamor's coach, Steve Nuth, considered bis team's failure. Polonia's 3-1 (15-10, 17-15, 6-15, 15-10) victory on Seluciday over Speedwell

on Salurday over Speedwell virtually assured them of the Royal Bank League first di-

Royal Bank League first division title.

For Speedwell and Nuth it was the end of a brave attempt. They had, after all, led the league for most of the season and two defeats by their west London rivals are their only hlemishes so far.

"We got what we deserved." Nuth said. "We only got going in his and starts." He was prepared to take his share of the blame. "I think I played myself too much and I made a few mistakes at a crucial stage in the

ing the 1920s. John was not from Hills. affected by the racing bug and But owners still had to be chose the RAF as a career but found, boxes filled and staff his son finally succumbed to recruited. Brooks describes his its magnetic draw when he owners as a cross-section of was studying law at Kingston the grass roots of racing: local syndicates comprising the pro-verbial butcher, baker and Discussing this first major candlestick-maker. He was not in a position to

hy giving him the option to huy the bottom yard and then

allowing him to move into it

two months before the con-

Iracis were finally exchanged

olds are by fast horses so he should not have to wait too

long for his first winner. The stable's first runner is

likely to be Mr Gardiner, a

support the new enterprise.

Mr Gardiner was a decisive

Another to relish the new

for a switch of allegiance.

lad of the highest calibre and a

particularly fine work rider, Waterston clearly has a defi

touch because his current

charges are exuding good health.

So, with Waterston at his

side, Brooks already has a lot

going for him. If boundless

enthusiasm, a capacity for

hard work, dedication and

honesty count, we should certainly be hearing a lot more

of the stable in the coming

Queen has five

at Newmarket

William Hastings-Bass is to

months.

of spring now.

crossroads in his life. Brooks said: "Mum and Dad went up the wall at the time but when huy speculatively in the authey realized that I was lumn so all the yearlings, none hooked and serious they gave of which cost more than 4,100 in and gave their hlessing." guineas, were bought for own-Soon after that, he spotted ers who could produce the Barry Hills's advertisement money in advance. It was a for a pupil-assistant. case of buying the athlete rather than the pedigree but, nonetheless, all the two-year-

Irish meeting the only hope

There will be no racing again in Britain tomorrow. Market Rasen was abandozed yesterday afternoon because of severe frost and this followed similar announcements earlier in the day at Newhury, Hereford and

Haydock Park.

An inspection will be held at 10am today to see if tomorrow's Irisb meeting at Navan can go ahead. Prospects there are grim hat the meeting may be trans-ferred to Leopardstown.

Following the routine interview. Hills agreed to take him on with the words: "If you don't like it, go; if I don't like you, you'll still go". Happily the two hit it off immediately and Brooks spent the next five years at South Bank.

During that time he met and married Suzanne Carter who was looking after the Hills children. His stay at South Bank taught him basic horsemanship and animal husbandry. The rest of the know-how necessary to run a racing stable was picked up during the following three years while he was assisting Cole.

Last year, the urge to take the wheel himself after eight years in the passenger seat became irresistible and luckily it coincided with Cole's decision to move on. Cole made life a lot easier

The prize money for the Heinz 57 Phoenix Stakes is to be doubled to £200,000 this year, making it twice as valuable as any other Iwo-year-old race in Europe with a guaranteed first prize of £132,000. The sixfurlong event will be run on August 10 at Phoenix Park — the first time it has been held on a Sunday.

Year, said: "I have about 30 two-year-olds in Iraining and if one them is good enough I will be back. However, with the race worth £200,000. I don't expect to have everything my own way 10 have about 30 two-year-olds in Iraining and if one them is good enough I will be back. However, with the race worth £200,000. I don't expect to have everything my own way 10 have about 30 two-year-olds in Iraining and if one them is good enough I will be back. However, with the race worth £200,000. I don't expect to have everything my own way 10 have 10 have 10 have about 30 two-year-olds in Iraining and if one them is good enough I will be back. However, with the race worth £200,000. I don't expect to have everything my own way 10 have 10 have everything my own way 10 have everyt this year."

Jonathan Irwin, the chief executive at Phoenix Park, said:

"We believe that owners and

Sunday.

Ray Laing, who trained Roaring Riva to win the race last form a little earlier."

Irainers now have the incentive to bring their two-year-olds into form a little earlier."

VOLLEYBALL

Hunting horns signal

hunt is all but over

By Paul Harrison

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pressure of work, made his shared between the four respect for Speedwell clear. We competing teams. Taking part is

While Polonia's players car- against Speedwell. And only one

resume training for the Queeo this season. The Newmarket handler, who moved to Australia to begin a new career in 1983, only to return within a year, will train five of the Queen's two-

maich away, and that is at Speedwell." The lack of competition

throughout the season worries both learns. Polonia have only three marches left, at Majory, Poole OBC and Newcastle (Staffs) and despite their un-

certainly against poorer oppo-sition it is hard to see them

sition it is hard to see them throwing away the title.

The Superbowl competition, inaugurated this season, is sure to pit them against Speedwell again as the top four clubs do battle on May 17 at Farnborough. In all competitions this season, for the first time, prize-money is to be won. There are awards for the promotion of matches as well as for

The winners of the men's first

division get £600, the women

year-olds.
They include Palais De Danse, who is by Dance In Time, and is a full brother 10 Red Shoes.

HOCKEY

Oxford's eyes on a repeat of 1983 win

Oxford stage the University match at the Parks Iomorrow where another exciting encounter is in prospect. This is always an enjoyable event and exchange more a temporary as perhaps more so tomorrow as the results in the past two years have been draws, 3-3 in 1985 and 1-1 in 1984. Oxford will, no doubt, be hoping for a repeat of their 3-0 victory in 1983.

By Joyce Whitehead

The Cambridge captain, Ruth Lupton, recently broke her arm and it is doubtful whether she and it is doubtful whether she will be fit to play. Cambridge include three other Blues in their side. Lesley Cowans (Sidney Susser). Alison O'Neill (St Catharine's) and Margaret Allen (Girton), who has played for England at under-18 level and

now plays for Cambridgeshire. Oxford are fielding four Blues — Jane Herron (Si Hilda's). - Jane Herron (St. Hilda's), Elizabeth Steele (Somerville), Katharine Smalman-Smith (St. Hugh's) and Karen Reynolds, the captain from Merton who was a West under-21 player for two years and has played for Gloucestershire for three sea-

TENNIS

Two Britons are surprise stars of satellite series

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

the circuit.

the circuit.

Castle reached the singles semi-finals at Telford and Drysdale came within a point of advancing to the final at Queen's Club; as a competitor Drysdale has more of a past than a future, so he was hardly in the running for the £500 Dewhurst Award.

The national team manager, tournament director and referee jointly decided that Castle was jointly decided that Castle was the British player who had made the most progress during the series in terms of "results, attitude and sportmanship".

Castle also won £834 in prizemoney. The series cost him about half his total earnings.

including the award. He plans to including the award. He plans to spend some of the profit improving his strength, speed and geogral fitness during a month's course at Pat Cowdell's gymnasium in Birmingham. Having graduated in marketing. Castle is now playing tennis full time. Before long he could join the small group of contemporaries who are challenging for a place in Britain's Davis Cup team.

The more experienced Sauer made the better start yesterday. He led 4-2, had three set points on Delaitre's service at 5-4, but then lost five consecurive games place in Britain's Davis Cup tagging for a price of the profit time because he has been granted a wild card place in n grant prix tournament (his first) in his home town of Metz, beginning on March 10.

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so that he could begin to get The prize-money on offer in yesterday's finals at Wallington, £910 for the singles winner and £337 for the successful doubles things organized; then, at Christmas, came a good luck gift of five new head collars

The Lawn Tennis Association Journament, Olivier Delaitre

The Lawn Tennis Association presumably have mixed feelings about the faci that Andrew Castle and Robin Drysdale were Britain's most successful players in the five-week satellite series that ended yesterday at the David Lloyd Sports Club, Wallington.

Castle, aged 22, recently relumed home after more than four years at Wichita State University, Drysdale, aged 33, is semi-retired and spends much of his time coaching. They were oot exactly the players the LTA had in mind when promoting the circuit.

don (United States) had four set points in the first set — their best chance came when Maasdorp was serving at 5-6 and love-40—hut were beaten 7-6, 7-5 by the South Africans.

Botha served for the match 5-3 in the second set but Burke and Gordon got back into the running, for a while anyway, with a run of eight points out of nine. Both pairs had a consistently successful series. Even at this modest level, doubles this modest level, doubles specialists can make ends meet

with a little to spare.
Delaitre, the 18-year-old Frenchman, beat Freddie Sauer, a Dutch citizen bom in South Africa, 7-5, 6-2 in the singles final. This meant that in all his four matches Delaitre beat a seeded player in straight sets. He has ruo into form at the right

cul a finger as well. Sauer never had another chance to break through.

As compensation, Sauer emerged as the second higgest pair, seems modest by today's money winner in the series with standards; but in terms of £1,989, compared with Chrispounds for sets won during the tian Bergstrom's £2,371.

MOTOR RACING

Ford engine has successful trials

By John Blunsden

racing has successfully com-pleted its first circuit tests and the company's private test track at Boreham, Essex, a former wartime airfield which with the most powerful engine, became a race circuit temporarily in the 1950s.

four-year-old belonging to Prince Fahad Salman, who was both quick and ready to Both Patrick Tambay and Alan Jones, the drivers engaged by Carl Haas this tankage being restricted 195 season for his new Formula One team, took part in the has been equipped with the test. It also marked the first company's EEC-IV on board winner of his final race last season and while he did not appearance of the team's new computer, which has been take kindly to hurdling this car, which has been designed developed by the Ford electriwinter, he looks full of the joys and built hy Formula One cal and electronic engineering Race Car Engineering division, employing aerospace (FORCE) at their new base

challenge is Brooks's bead near Heathrow Airport. waterston, who spent the last similarities between this car 17 years working for Cole. The and the Beatrice-Hart which wish to remain in Lambourn took part in three grand prix at coupled to the chance of the end of last season (and will promotion were his reasons be used in the Brazilian Grand Prix on March 23), the com-For his previous employer pact dimensions of the Ford F1 engine have called for a hig redesign at the rear of the car, he looked after such good horses as John de Coombe including the use of an extendand Reach. Renowned as as ed transmission housing to compensate for the engine's

shorter cylinder block. The new 120° V6 engine marks a renewal of the collaboration between Ford and Cosworth engineering, which 19 years ago resulted in the famous 3 litre Ford DFV, a V8 engine which won its first committing the new car and grand prix and then went on to record 154 further victories This could be at Jerez, where a over 16 years.

follow. Turbo technology has two weeks later.

The twin turbocharged 1½ brought not unly huge addi-litre V6 engine which is bring-ing Ford back into grand prix bigh mechanical mortality to the grand prix scene (it took Renault 25 races to win their first GP with a turbo, while Honda, who ended last season required 15 attempts). More than ever before, the

accent this season will be on engine efficiency, with fuel litres, and the Ford F1 engine technology, and is claimed to be the world's most powerful Although there are visual and sophisticated electronic engine management system. The equipment, which is also to be found on the engines of the latest Granada saloons, not only controls and monitors the engine, ignition and turbocharger systems of the formula one car, but is also capable of self-diagnosis, thereby providing a "belt and braces" facility to ensure that the engine is always operating at optimum

efficiency. The initial trials having been successfully completed, the team will now begin a further programme of circuit testing in the United Kingdom and on the continent before aew circuit is due to be used for However, for Ford and for the Spanish Grand Prix on Keith Duckworth, the engine's April 13, although the more designer, the DSV is a difficult likely debut will be in the San - If not impossible - act to Marino Grand Prix at Imola

BOBSLEIGHING

De La Hunty secures second place in team

From Chris Moore, Konigssee

Tom De La Hunty secured the second place in the British team for tomorrow's four-man eveni at the world championships in Kônigssee by beating Mark Tout in yesterday's selection race doring official practice. De La Hunty, a PT instructor in the RAF, and his crew of Neil Coyne, John Edwards and Peter Brugnani were 0.69sec faster over two runs after producing the quickest time so far of any British crew on the opening lauf.

They clocked 49.48sec, the ninth fastest of the lauf, which even Nick Phipps in his hired Swiss sled could not match yesterday. Phipps was also slower than De La Hunty oo the second run and is considering a switch to his crew in an effort to improve his start times.

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He has already had to bring in a first-year bobber, Colin Harris of the RAF, instead of the miured Keith Power, and on

IN BRIEF

CYCLING: Steve Flectwood, of Liverpool, hopes to repeal his win of last March in Sunday's 50 miles County of Merseyside grand prix. Fifty of Britain's leading professionals will take part, many of them returning from the south of France training grounds. Tony France training grounds. Tony Doyle, the former world cham-

CYCLING: Steve Fleetwood, of compete, despite a car crash last

ground, but there is little chance of that pitch being fit because of pion, has confirmed that he will

Lord Griffiths

Lord Griffiths
[Speeches sold February 27]
The indirect copying of a purely functional object which was not patentable because it did not embody a new invention and was of a registrable

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RUGBY UNION: A SOUND INVESTMENT AND PLENTY OF HOT AIR Exorcising the Scots to face the rampaging men of Ireland

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

England placed their main training investment in the bank yeslerday. They spent three hours at the Bank of England ground in Rochampton exorcising the ghosts of the record defeat at Murrayfield a fortnight ago in the hope of meeting treland at Twickenham tomorrow in the Save and Prosper internation-

Their usual training ground at St Mary's College, Straw-berry Hill was unfit because of the freezing weather and the Rugby Football Union looked in various directions before the bank came to their rescue. It all emphasized the point made by Martin Green. England's coach, when he said: "We have to think carefully about the facilities available for rugby in En-

"We need a training head-quarters for the national rugby side. I am not criticizing the tremendous effort made by the RFU to get us facilities but we have to come to terms with the fact that this may happen again." He agreed that Twick-enham would be the obvious place which suggests that under-surface heating at the national ground is the answer. Of the four home unions only Scotland possess such heating which has saved many a

representative game. Nigel Melville, England's captain, added his weight to the suggestion: "It is hard to believe that you come down for an international and you don't know where you are training the next day." The England team management had decided to spend some of and 13 times for Ireland in all their training time indoors

quate for most purposes, even though the players found difficulty getting any support

The players' day began with a long team meeting discussing the 27 point disaster at Murrayfield and the approach against Ireland with different personnel. Green said the recovered: They are very determined because they are sick to death of what they have read and heard these last 10 days and want to put it right,"

"Once you have been beaten like that you want to bounce back straight away." Melville said. "and it's been frustrating that hardly any of us have been able to play since then because of the weather. You must also remember we had a good game against Wales and we want to put ourselves back on the right track. Many things happened against Scotland that were out of character."

Much of England's work devolved around their reorga-nized back row. The indications were that Rees would play at the tail of the lineout with Winterbottom standing at five, and that Richards would be a moveable feast in the same way that England used their jumpers against

The Irish trained in Dublin before flying over yesterday. Club games there have not been so severely affected by the weather though six of the side were unable to play last weekend, Sadly this week Victor Pike, the former Bishop of Sherborne who played four times against England between 1931 and 1934 as a before they discovered that hooker died at his home in the Bank's ground was ade- Salisbury. He was 78.

Schoolboy hopefuls ready to try again

The sharpest spell of weather for 20 years continues to take its toll. Predictably, the England Schools trials at both 18 and 16 group level could not be held last weekend and must be at risk this weekend when it is hoped that Midlands will meet North at Nottingham High School and South and South West will face South East at the National Westminster Bank Ground,

Both 16 group regional trials are due to he played, weather permitting, at Strensall Barracks this weekend and the final trial, it is hoped, will be next week end. Tomorrow, al Strensall, South East play South West and on Sunday Midlands meet

Fettes enjoyed a wonderful season. They won 13 of their matches, drew two and lost two, scoring 215 points to 69 conceded. The two defeats were against Merchiston (3-4) and Glasgow Academy (11-16) in the final minute of injury time. Chris Hodgson, in his third year in the side, captained capably and was rewarded with the captaincy of the President's XV. though the only full repre-sentative honour to be won was by Alistair Pinfiet, who played for Scottish Schools at lock

SKIING

Another

win for

Stenmark

Hemsedal, Norway (AP) The Swedish veteran Ingemar Sienmark produced two steady

giant slalom runs vesterday to win a record 82nd World Cup

slalom triumph in Stenmark's 13-year World Cup career.

Stenmark had runs of Imin 9.51sec and t:t6.53, to beat Hans Stuffer of West Germany

est grant statom racer of all time, led Pirmin Zurbriggen of Switzerland by .13 of a second

after the first run on the Sahaugi

track. But in the second run. Zurbriggen lost his balance mid-

way through, then straddled a

lead in the World Cup giant

second twice and third three

Marc Girardelli, of Luxern

Fifth place was taken by Joel

Gaspoz of Switzerland and Rok

Petrovic of Yugoslavia was

gate and was disqualified.

victory. It was also the 44th gia

against both the Australian tourists and French Schools.

Geoff Blair, the master-in-charge, writes: "We thought that our scrummaging would be a weak area but it turned out to be quite a strength. We have been flinging the ball around in refreshing style and the support play of the back row and the backs has been very effective." Fettes play in a tough circuit and their record is the more

praiseworthy if one registers the fact that not one of the following fine rugby schools scored a point against them during the past season: Glenalmond, Strathallan, Loretto, Heriot's, Stewart's-Melville, Watson's and Edinburgh Academy.

Woodhouse Grove's swan-song, a taxing fixture against powerful Bradford GS, fell vic-um to the weather last weekend, Grove's swanleaving them with the enviable record of played 16, won 13, drawn two, lost one, scoring 323 points and conceding 112. Woodhouse Grove have been invited to the Preston Festival

for the first time and two days later they are bosting and playing against St Michael's College from British Colombia. Plans are already underway to send a party of 26 boys and four staff to Zimbabwe in July 1987.



Twickenham this week has been a far cry from the pristine playing surface admired by the 62,000 who attend international matches there and the millions who follow England's fortunes oo televisioo (David Hands writes). Heavy duty black covers protect the lusb but cold green face against

the bitter weather.

tomorrow's game against Ireland continued yes-terday. Air Commodore Bob Weighill, the RFU secretary, said: "We have another 36 hours and we are keeping the hot air blowers going. The playby the presidents, coaches

Union's battle to stage

that a definite announcement can be made then on whether the game will go

The worst-affected parts of the pitch yes-terday were the in-goal areas which do not receive the same concentrated ing surface will be in- attention as the rest of the spected at midday today pitch. The difficulty is in ensuring that the ground and captains of the two remains free of frost de-The Rugby Football countries and it is hoped spite the bitter east wind

which has blown all week. With the covers on and blowers in position below them, the ground resembles some dark swamp with huge billowing air bobbles here and there, which, I suppose, is what it was before the RFU bought it 76 years ago and turned it into their head-

Photograph: John

Wales need to adapt to new Scots keep set of circumstances

By Gerald Davies

made occasional appearances between 1956 and 1961.

puny opposition. He shouldered a good deal of the burden as, in a different way, did Clive Row-lands, who was to follow in the

By sheer force of personality

as much as his skill he deter-mined the tactics. Although

which he possessed, he will for ever he known for his preference for the boot. He induenced a

change in the laws after forcing
| | | lineouts in a match at
| Murrayfield.

Alan Lewis, of Abertillery, was a quick passer of the ball but he had only one full scason; Billy Hullin had only one cap and was very much in the Brace

mode. There followed the long Edwardsian march through the

seventies, upon which decade the scrum half cast an

vhelming shadow. . Gareth Edwards, with bis partners, was the dominating influence. Apart, that is, from his period with Barry John, who

early sixties.

Wales, like the other home countries, are aware of the changing pattern which, with a sudden thud at the back of the neck, has caught up with them this year and demands that the pack be mobile. Each style or method has its moment; such things are changeable. The art is to notice the likely change coming before it stares you in the face and punches you in the cose. Australia did us that service a year ago.

The ruling set-piece may be out of fashion, and no doubt will some day return, but the time is ripe for athletic forwards, with Scotland perhaps hinting at the way: not simply in the move-ment of their back-row forwards, and the rest of them as well, to the point of breakdown but, in winning the ball, to distribute it into space rather than aim negatively to commit the opposing player so as to take him out of the game. Wales are absorbing this les-

son; but there is another one which is less familiar. They know from the past whal it is like to have a roaming and dominating set of back-row experience is to know what it is like to have a scrum half of Robert Jones's calibre. Not that he is, by a long chalk yet, anywhere near his predecessors; but he is radically different from them. It is a new set of circumstances to which Wales need to adapt their tacties and

style of play.

There have been few of his kind around, fewer still who have worn the red jersey, or have come anywhere near to being capped; and if they have, they have not been allowed to stay around for long. Unlike the other three countries. Wales traditionally have enjoyed and

often preferred a powerfully

domineering personality at scrum half. Certainly it is the could countenance his scrum half only as some kind of case in the last 30 years. equerry to serve his royal needs; Onllwyn Brace was a man of quicksilver brilliance and flair for invention, too much of which aroused such suspicion as to be apologetically excused or Terry Holmes's powerful presented and the product of the following the foll to be apologetically excused or branded "unorthodox". Ahead ence carried on that Edwards tradition which has stretched for of his time, others said, mystifyingly. Does the Ume never come for such a player? He had only one full season for Wales in a potential of six, in which he made occasional appearances almost 20 years.

That chain has now been broken. Robert Jones is smaller than the others, though he is quite stocky where it matters around the thighs and hips; broad shouldered, too. But his Lloyd Williams, of Cardiff, stock-in-trade is his swift pass to either side, the quickest of all the favoured with the more consis-tent selection. Powerful he was others mentioned.

and protective of his stand-off half, who was in those days in the direct firing line and such easy prey for wing forwards who had a licence to destroy their He is not going to bowl over a seemingly steadfast back-row defence as his predecessors did. He seeks a parting of the ways with this Weish tradition. His influence is more in keeping with the Southern hemisphere; a Catchpole of Australia, or a Loveridge from New Zealand. And with the extrovert Davies

the best lines to his stand-off. It is with this that Wales have to come to terms. The old slow ball, particularly from the scrum, will no longer do; to delay is to stifle the quick ingenuity of the half backs; the forwards, too, must see that they serve the best interests of those

Different players require a different service. Before half-time in Duhlin three scrums in succession were held on the Irish line; three times the attempted pushover failed. After half-time a quicker heel to Jones set Davies off on a tangent that got the vital try. Not that this could or should happen all the ume; but the shift of emphasis that is now required is there for all to see.

warm on

including seven of this year's team, bring back the centres, Murray and Robertson, after Injury and include Baird and Tukalo,

back row consists of the Calder twins, Jim and Finlay, who have Beattie in at No 8.

tings brothers, Johnston and Duncan, who are all in t Scotland side, are joined by Munro on the left wing, with Wyllie and Hunter at half back. SOUTH OF SCOTLAND: P Dode (Gale); Beled (Kelso), K Robertson (Melcoon)

SOUTH OF SCOTLARM; Pootes (case); Baled (folice), K Bobertson (Melrose), Murray (Hawick), I Takalo (Sellirik; Rutherford (Sellirik), R Landilaw (Joe Forest); G McKenzde (Sellirik), C Dean (Hawick, captein), R Casmingham (Gallar A Campbell (Hawick), A Tomes (Hawick J Jeffrey (Kelso), I Paudon (Sellirik), White (Said).

White (Gata). SCOTTISH DISTRICTS: G Heatings (Lor don Scottish); Ni Duncan (West Scottish), D Johnston (Watsonians), Hastings (Vatsonians), S Muser (Ayr); Wyllie (Stewart's-Metrillo), G Hunter (Sc

governing authorities gave in their blessing last autumn. Faster and more aggressive, it

was what more and more racer

were doing anyway, but it was into the snow for those sticking to the classical gait.

But for this season, as an experiment, all World Cup events must have half the races

To ensure that competitors do not cheat in the classical races by switching to the skating stride when out of sight, monitors must be posted round the

"The organizers here explain

that they have not the personnel

to monitor classical races so it's

all skating, which is very exhausting for everybody."

Winterton, a Royal Marine, from Gwynedd,

to rest as there is with the

Nordic style, for instance, when

infringements.

YACHTING

French ride the storm

ing to exhaust systems in motor cars manufactured by BL and a consequential order dated July 19, 1982 of Mr Justice Foster that Armstrong be restrained from infringing the copyright in BL's mechanical drawings of exhaust contents. exhaust systems. Mr Alan Tyrrell, QC, Mr AJ.D. Wilson and Mr Michael Hicks for Armstrong; Mr Roger Henderson, QC, Mr Hugh Laddie and Mr Andrew Waugh for

Lord Scarman, Lord Ed-mund-Davies and Lord Bridge of Harwich delivered speeches concurring with Lord With the probable cancella-tion of all club fixtures this weekend the Scottish Rugby Union have decided to make use of the undersoil heating at Murrayfield to stage a game between South of Scotland and Scottish Districts, South, who field an all-international side,

Tomes will want to prove a point from the lock position, a will Paxton, who is restored to No 8. The underrated White, the Gala flanker, will welcome his first game for seven weeks.

Scottish Districts have only one uncapped player in Chris Gray, the Anglo-Scots lock, He teams up with Campbell-Lamerton, who won his only cap against France in the first international of this season. The

Behind the scrum the Has-

kirk: A Brevetter (Stewart's-Mehille).
Callander (Kolso, captain). N Roses (Boroughmur). G Camphell-Lasserto (London Scottish). C Gerry (Nottingham). Leider (Stawart's-Mokville). J Beattis (Glasgow Academicals). J Calder (Stawart's-Mehille).

the blanket By Ian McLauchlan

LORD TEMPLEMAN said that the appeal was the culmination of a dispute over the right to reproduce component parts re-quired for the repair of a motor A car had an expectation of ife of some 15 years subject to

determination by careless driv-ing, and was a collection of hundreds of components all of which had to fit together. From the time the car was driven ont of the factory gates uoul it was consigned to the scrapheap, there was a risk that it would be immobilised by the failure of a vital component part as a result of accident or wear

BL manufactured the Marina car, the component parts of which included two lengths of exhaust pipe. Exhaust pipes needed replacement at intervals which varied from six months to

two years.
Armstrong manufactured replacement exhaust pipes for the Marina by copying the shape and dimensions of the original. of copyright had now reached out to prevent Armstrong from manufacturing exhaust pipes for the Marina unless Armstrong paid such royalty as BL thought

fit to require. Armstrong declined to pay a royalty and BL obtained an injunction which effectively prevented Armstrong from manu-facturing replacement exhaust pipes for the Marina.

If that injunction was rightly eranted, h followed that any notorist who drove a BL car must buy his spare parts from BL at the prices fixed by BL or bear the burden of a royalty payable to BL for the privilege of buying his spare part from somebody else. The purchaser of a BL car sold his soul to the

parts for BL cars alone exceeded \$800 million n year.

In the course of designing the Marina and for the purpose of transmitting instructions for the production of the Marina, BL employed draughtsmen who made engineering drawings from instructions given to them by the design engineers and

Marina.
Those included recognisable drawings of each of BL's exhaust pipes by plan, elevation and section and conveyed in figures and words the precise angles and dimensions and description necessary to enable the exhaust pipe to be manufactured and produced in conformity with the shape of the underside of the Marina.

Armstrong had never seen BL's engineering drawings and did not copy them directly but had taken a BL exhaust pipe and copied h so that the replacement would also fit the shape of the underside of the car.

Armstrong's exhaust pipe was a direct copy of BL's exhaust

pipe and an indirect copy of BL's engineering drawing. BL's claim to an injunction stemmed from section 3 of the Copyright Act 1956 which provided that "artistic work" meant, inter alia, a drawing irrespective of artistic quality and that copyright subsisted in "every original artistic work". BL's engineering drawings were original in so far as the

draughtsmen used their own skill and labour in carrying out the instructions of the design engineers and depicted the exhaust pipes incorporated in the design of the Marina.

Copyright in an original artistic work included the exclusive right of "reproducing the work in any material form" and was infringed by "any person who, not being the owner of the copyright, and without the licence of the owner" reproduced the work in any material form. "Reproduction" in the case of an artistic work was defined by section 48(1) of the 1956 Act as including "a version produced by converting the work into a three-dimensional form".

be copied BL directly reproduced their ration Ltd and Another v Armstrong Patents Co Ltd and Another Lord Scarman, Lord Edmund-Davies, Lord Bridge of Harwich, Lord Templeman and Armstrong in the course of manufacturing the Marina. Edmund-Davies, Lord Bridge of Harwich, Lord Templeman and

Armstrong indirectly re-produced BL's engineering drawing by copying the original

exhaust pipe.

In defence Armstrong said first, that copyright did nm extend to the direct reproduction of a functional article such as an exhaust pipe which was as an exhaust pipe which and was not a registered design. Second and alternatively, they said that BL could not rely on their copyright to prevent the repair of a car supplied by BL and requiring the inevitable replace-

ment of a component park
Armstrong pointed out that
the Patents Act 1977 conferred a right on the inventor of a novel product by the grant of a patent product by the grant of a patent which prevented anyone making the product without the licence of the inventor for a period of 20 years.

The Registered Designs Act 1949 conferred a right on the designer of a novel design by the grant of design congrish, which

grant of design copyright which prevented anyone making an article in respect of which the design was registered without

dants, Armstrong Patents Co
Ltd and Armstrong Equipment
Ltd from n decision dated June
21, 1984 of the Court of Appeal
(Lord Justice Waller, Lord Justice Oliver and Lord Justice
Fox) (The Times July 2, 1984)
upholding a judgment of Mr
Justice Foster who on March 30,
1982 found in favour of the
plaintiffs, British Leyland Motor Corporation Ltd and BL
Cars Ltd on the issues of the
ownership, existence and
infringement of copyrights relating to exhaust systems in motor
cars manufactured by BL and a the designer's licence for a period of 15 years.

The 1956 Act conferred a right on the author of an original artistic work to prevent any reproduction of the work during his life and 50 years thereafter. There was no general pro-vision that all skill and labour

should be protected, rewarded and encouraged by the grant of a total or partial monopoly The invention and design of an article might involve vast an article might and money, but if the product was not patentable, did not incorporate n registered design and was nm an artistic work, then there was no restriction on the making or

reproduction of the product.

Armstrong argued that BL's exhaust pipes were not entitled to protection because they were not patentable, not registrable and not artistic works. BL contended first that it was

BL contended first that it was not necessary for Armstrong to copy BL's exhaust pipe, that Armstrong could avert their gaze from BL's exhaust pipe and design their own. Even so, Armstrong could be accused of copying since Armstrong could not begin without a Marina not begin without a Marina. BL also denied that they were

claiming a monopoly. They said anyone was free to copy BL's exhaust pipes because BL were prepared to license reproduction on payment of a royalty which

was described as modest. The driver of a Marina would suffer no inconvenience because he would be able to obtain a replacement exhaust pipe as required either from BL or its licensees.

But a monopoly remained a monopoly even if it he benevo-lently administered and an established monopoly would not necessarily be administered with benevolence.

In practice BL were claiming a monopoly and a similar monopoly could be claimed by other manufacturers of any article which required replacement

parts from time to time.

The decision of the House of Lords in L.B.(Plastics) v Swish Products Ltd ([1979] RPC 551) showed clearly that as the law stood the argument that copyright did not apply to prevent the indirect copying of drawings of functional articles could not be sustained.

The alternative submission by Armstrong was that BL by choosing to manufacture a car by reference to drawings and by marketing the car as a means of transport which could only he kept in running order by repairs which involved indirect reproduction of those drawings could not assert their copyright so as to prevent repairs being carried out. A vendor could not prevent the purchaser of the

company store.

The market for replacement parts for BL cars alone exceeded £800 million n year.

In the company store.

That submission had not been the subject of legislation, and was not contrary.

by the design engineers and grantor would not be allowed to showing the shupe and configuration of each part of the Marina. granted by him unfit or materially unfit for the purpose for which the grant was made.

There was no reason why that principle should not apply to the principle should not apply to the sale of a car so that the right to repair was based on the non-derogation from grant.

Every owner of a car had a right to repair it. That right would be useless if suppliers of stars parts were not exhibited.

spare parts were not enutiled to anticipate the need for repair. BL were not enutled to assert the copyright in their drawing in order to defeat the right of the purchaser to repair his car.
There was no reason to confer on a manufacturer the right in effect in dictate the terms or which an article sold by him was to be kept in repair and working

order.
The rights of an owner to keep a car in repair extended to a manufacturer who made parts solely for repair. Without such an extension the right to repair would be useless.

LORD GRIFFITHS, agreeing that the appeal should be al-lowed but disagreeing with their Lordships' reasons, said that "reproducing" within the mean-ing of the 1956 Act should not be given the extended meaning of indirect copying of mechanical drawings of purely func-

tional objects. The scope of artistic copyright should be limited to the natural meaning of the words, namely direct copying, including using the drawing to make the object it

Therefore Armstrong had not miringed the copyright in the mechanical drawings by copying the exhaust pipe without seeing or receiving any assistance from the drawings. Solicitors: Allen & Overy: Mr R.P.A. Coles, Uxbridge.

BADMINTON

Draw backfires on England

By Richard Eaton

Despite criticisms of the draw being held in secret, the All-England Championships, spon-sored by Yonex, could hardly have produced a less favourable fall of the dice for home players then it has this year. than it has this year. Since the leading Chinese and

Since the leading Uninese and Indonesians are preferring to prepare for the Thomas Cup and Uber Cup world team finals in April and Muy, the English might reasonably have been hoping to challenge for three titles and reach the last eight of the other two. They have seen the other two. They have even better reason to feel differently now. It is almost as if the making the draw — apparently made private to keep freeloaders away - felt that they had to provide proof of their total and

nter incorruptibility.
For instance Helen Troke, the no. 3 seed, who will probably never have u better chance of Zurbniggen's misfortune opened the door for Stuffer, who finished in 2:26.32 after runs of adding the All-England to the English national titles she al-ready has, has landed right in 1:09.95 and 1:16.37. Huberi Strolz of Austria, who was third in 2:26.67, retained his the part of the drawshe wanted to avoid, that containing the only well-known Chinese player alslalom standings. Strolz has scored in all five races, finishing lowed to come, Qian Ping, last year's German open champion. Trake has never beaten her, with the top-seeded Kirsten Larsen, of Denmark, she has roughly a bourg was fourth in 2:26.70.

50-50 record. England's other no. 1. Steve Baddeley, who is seeded to reach the last eight, may struggle to get there because he has a likely Sixth.

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(Austria) 2.28.35; 11. M Hengl (Switz)

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Mueller (Switz) 199; 3. P Zurbrogen

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182; 6. Petrovic 180; 7. L Stock (Austria)

151; 8. P Wirnsberger (Austria) 143; 9.

Strotz (Austria) 142; 10, M Mar (R) 119. second round with the bardhitting former European cham-pion, Jens-Peter Nierhoff. If he does, he has a probable quarter-final with the world no. 1, Morten Frost. Steve Butler has a likely second mund with another of the talented Danes, Michael Kjeldsen, who usually beats him. Darren Hall, who saved a match point to bent Butler in this mouth's thrilling national final, should have a second round with Prakash Padukone, the 1980 All-England champion from In-



pleasant obstacles is Nora Perry, making her last serious challenge at the age of 31 for two doubles titles. She and Billy Gilliland, of Scotland, ore favourites to retain the mixed doubles have es but have a probable quarter-final with their compatriots and predecessors as champions. Martin Dew and Gillian Gliks; Perry and Troke are expected to play a women's

Troke: tough test

are expected to play a women's doubles quarter-final with Nettie Nielsen and Dorte Kjaer, the top seeds in the European championships.

And so it goes on Dew and Dipak Tuilor ahould have a men's doubles quarter-final with last year's finalists, Kjeldsen

Nigel Tier and Gillian Gowers seeded to reach the mixed final may not make it because Park Joo Boug, of South Korea, who won the world mixed title with Yoo Sang Hee, stands in their eighth of the draw in partner-ship with Chung Myung Hee. More importantly, Park's ab-sence from the singles is both carious and worrying. After concentrating on doubles and winning two world titles in June,

singles again. For a few weeks he did so, beating Baddeley on the tour of England in the autumn, and on his form that ancumin, and on his form that time looked more than good emough to be among the chal-lengers for the All-England singles.

Countries have in the past been suspected of encouraging players to withdraw from in-dividual events in the hope of obtaining u more favourable playing order in team events. England, for instance, were the ubject of u rejective process from Denmark two years ago. One trusts that Park, clearly South Korea's outstanding player, does not suddenly re-appear in singles, playing down the order in the Thomas Cup, nor that his country are denying him a lifetime's chance of a famous

On a happier note, England's no. 2. Nick Yates, the man o silent steel, again looks to be our quietest and best hope of success quietest and best hope or success in Wembley. Twice he has reached the last eight and although this time he is unseeded, the seeds in his quarter are both men he beat in the World Grand Prix final in Tokyo in December, the Malay-sian, Misban Sidek, and Ib Frederiksen, of Denmark. Frederiksen, who beat Frost in the Danish National finals, is but if Yates were to get past both these opponents again, he would become England's first semi-

NORDIC SKIING New style will be a drawback for Britain

skiing by storm since the sport'

All the races in the Lowlanders championships being held outside Oslo this week are in the new skaling style, and none of them in the classical, or Nordic style, to the disappointment of the British.

"We are probably the only team here capable of racing at both styles." Patrick Winterton, one of the team, said. "The others seem to have been concentrating solely on skating technique in training, whereas we are still doing both. If the races were mixed, as they must then we'd be getting more medals."

So far, the British medal tally has been a bronze for the men's 4 x 10 kilometre relay and a silver gained by the women in their relay. The racing continues today with the men's 30km in which the Brilish hope to take revenge on the French who have swept up all the gold medals so

The skating or Siitonen Nordic style for stride, has taken cross country going downhill."

Despite the damage to her Taylor, of New Zealand, whose mast reported yesterday, the 53ft French yacht L'Esprit d'Equipe is maintaining her Now back in New Zealand, whose mast reported yesterday. Now back in New Zealand, whose mast reported yesterday for the price of the price handicap lead over the Whithread Round the World race fleet. The leading maxi, UBS Switzerland, is within 1.000 miles of Cape Horn. The French yacht beld her 60mile advantage over Philips Innovator, the overall handicap

leader, to suggest that Lionel Pean and his crew have patched

up the crack that appeared in her

Taylor finally retired from the race yesterday. He admitted that it was too late to get a spare mast fitted to the yacht in time for it to reach Uruguay for the last to reach Urugulay for the tast stage of the race back to Portsmouth, starting from Punta del Este on April 8.

LEADING POSITIONES 1, URS Switzerland, 2, Cote of Cr. (Belt, 3, Drum (UK); A. Atlardic Privateer (US); S. Lion (NZ). Leaders on feendicage: 1, L'Esprit d'Equipe (Fr); 2, Rusanor Tristar (Belt; 3, Philips Innovator (Hol); 4, Equity and Law (Hol); 5, Fezer Finland.

become England's first senu-finalist since Ralph Nichofls in mast section.

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More poetry in motion?

No one thought too much of it as a car but year after year it came top of the British best seller list and was eventually celebrated in a poem by John Betjeman. That was the Ford Cortina, now of blessed mem-

ory.
Its role as Britain's most popular model has been appropriated by another Ford the Escort, a much better car than the Cortina ever was, though not as yet eosbrined in verse. Perhaps the Escort's turn will come, it is, after all, only five and a bit years old.

And that, as every motor industry watcher knows, is just about the time for a facelift. Nothing too drastie, or it looks like an admission that the original model was wrong, but enough to freshen up the range and get the cars talked about again and give the dealers an excuse to bang the publicity drum.

Ford has duly done what it thinks necessary and the mark two Escort - with its booted offspring, the Orion - goes oo sale today. Some of the ebanges are decorative and will oot sway the prospective buyer one bit. But there is a significant improvement in performance and fuel coosumption, and an important initiative in safety.

To take the second one first. It is an axiom of the motor industry that you cannot sell safety because motorists - or most of them - are not interested. They are willing to pay for surroofs and faocy wheel trims but out for features that might improve their ebances of preventing or surviving ao accident.

So far anti-lock braking systems have been almost almost entirely confined to the bigger and more expensive models. Now Ford becomes the first manufacturer to offer the option of anti-lock brakes on a small family car and at a price - £315 - that is only about a quarter of what ABS has cost

Ford has oo idea what the take-up will be, but given a few more winters like this ooe and sales could soar. The point of ABS is to reduce the chances of a skid through the wheels locking and it is particularly relevant to driving on snow and ice. Having to brake suddenly oo a slippery surface cao be a motorist's oightmare and few of us are good enough to correct a skid oo our own.

With ABS there is a much greater likelihood that instead



Market leader: The revised Ford Escort

Escon can only take over

Mazda 323GLX

Kogyo, the Mazda company.

ular, improvements. Like the

engine sizes, from 1.1 to 1.6

litre; manual and automatie

gearboxes; and saloon and

is the subject of this test comes

near the top of the range and is

a five-door car powered by a 1.5 litre overhead camshaft

engine mated with a three-

speed automatic transmission.

Standard equipment iocludes

an electrically operated sun-

has more interior space than any car in its class. Subjective-

ly, at least, this seems unlikely. There is no trouble getting

less convinced about space in

the back. Headroom is just

adequate, but a tall person will

be pushed for legroom unless

the front seats are moved

Mazda claims that the 323

The GLX automatic which

hatcbback bodyshells.

Like the Escart, the 323 is

three to one. Perhaps

the car will stop in a straight line and with as much to spare where the previous one left as on a dry road. Snow and ice off. In 1985 it outsold the Astra may not happen all that often in this country, but £315 could be a modest price to pay for peace of mind.

off. In 1985 it outsold the Astra by two to one and the Maestro by three to one. Perhaps someone will oow write that poem. Of more immediate interest

to prospective buyers of the revised Escort/Orion is that engine modifications to the Mazda 3230 revised Escort/Orion is that engine modifications have signification have significated improved both performance and fuel consumption. This mainly applies to the modern overhead camshaft unit made in Bridgend. The 13 litre version has been unrated to 14 litres.

Mazda 323GLX

Automatic
The 323 is an appropriate car to bracket with the Escort, out only competing in the same part of the market but sharing some of the Escort's design technology. This is a consehas been uprated to L4 litres technology. This is a conse-and both it and the L6 now quence of Ford's stake in Toyo deliver appreciably more pow-

The result is that the 1.4 has into its mark two version after performance similar to that of a series of useful, if unspectacthe "old" L6, while the new 1.6 matches the previous fuel- Escort, too, there is a wide injected l.6i. The gaios io choice of models with four economy are even more impressive. The original Escort was oot outstanding io this area but the revised model can stand comparison with most cars in its class.

To give a couple of examples. The 1.4 accelerates from 0 to 60 mph in just over 11 seconds and gives up to 57 mpg in the official fuel figures. The new 1.6 has a 0 to 60 time of 9.7 seconds and fuel consumption of up to 55 mpg. The new L3 model is powered by ao uprated version of the Ford pushrod engine, and agaio fuel consumption considerably better than on the previous 1.3.

The first Escorts handled beautifully but rode appallingly. Subsequent changes have sorted out the ride but arguably at the expense of handliog. The latest solution is stiffer front springs. The L3L five-door is £6.150

of slewing round and finishing and the £1.4 five-door £6,360 up as a heap of battered metal, and it seems that the new

The most attractive aspect of the car is that it is so pleasant and easy to drive. It handles responsively, with good roadholding and little wallow, and has light steering without the deadness that was once such a feature of Japanese models. The changes of automatic gear are so smooth as to be barely noticeable.

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The transmission could. however, do with an extra gear or at least an overdrive. Over about 60 mph in top, an otherwise docile engine starts becoming noisy and one looks instructively for the higher gear that does not exist. A pity. because this reduces the atiraction of the car as a long distance tourer. The allindpendent suspension provides a reasonable compromise between handling and ride. The springing is on the firm side but only seriously caught out on rough surfaces. The seats are well shaped and the front ones have adjustable lumbar sup-

Acceleration through the gears is acceptable, rather than sparkling, and those wanting more 323 performance should ehoose the fuel injected 1.6 model. Fuel consumption is unexceptional by today's lofty standards and one has come to expect better than 35 miles per gallon in gentle, open road driving even with an auto-

Among worthwhile minor features are illuminated door locks - handy in the dark and locks for the petrol cap and boot which operate from inside the car. On the debit side, it is difficult to read the speedometer and mileometer in bright light.

In sum, Mazda has come up with a competent all-rounder. free of serious vices and offering the usual Japanese promise of reliability. But it should not dent the sales of brisker, more economical cars of greater character such as the Escort and the Vauxhall Astra.

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3.00 Snoother. The second sentifical of the Dulux British Open.
4.30 Countriewn. Yesterday's account to the pollung of the pollung to the pollung of the

winner is challenged by

David Derbyshire from

vintage comedy show from the United States finds Toody thinking that his partner, Muldoon, has refused promotion to detective in order to stay

archive footage of Jimi Hendric; features on David Lee Roth and Thor; and

the last television interview given by the late John Bornam. Channel Four news with Peter Sissons. Weather.

Right to Reply. The IBA's decision to withdraw a

programme on incest was wrong says Dr Dick

Thompson, associate director of the Mental

s defended by the IBA.

8.00 What the Papers Say.
Freelance journalist Julie
Davidson continents on

week's news.

8.15 A Week in Politics

Press coverage of the

presented by Peter Jay. This week's adition

includes a report on the

Labour Party's inquiry into Militant, and a profile of

the Progressive Democrats, the Republic of Ireland's new political

bravado, bets Marcus that he can do a Henry Higgins

on a touch down and out female. But, as in

Grow? Philip Wood and David Wilson visit the Co.

Fermanagh ganden of Acheson Aiken which

herbaceous perennials. (Oracle) 10.00 Cheers. Diane seems to

become unhinged as her imagination runs riot by

the thought of Andy Shroeder, the actor who once tried to strangle her

stiess at work, presented by Cary Cooper, professor of Organisational Psychology at UMIST (Oracle)

Posta and Liz Fraser. Nell Durn's story of the upper-class Cheisea girl who goes to live in Battersea,

taking a job in a factory, and falling for a furniture dealer. Directed by Peter Colfinson. Ends at 1.30

10.30 How to Survive the 9 to 5. The final programme of the series on how to avoid stress at work, presented

11.20 Film: Up the Junction (1967) starring Suzy Kendali, Dennis Waterman, Adrienne

Pygmaion, the teacher falls for the pupil.

9.30 How Does Your Garden

9.00 Brothers. Joe, in a fit of

Health Foundation and

presenter of the shelved programme. The decision

7.00

Northallerton.
5.00 Car 54 Where Are You?
This week's edition of the

with Toody.

5.30 The Tube. A heavy metal special featuring Ozzy Osbourne, UFO and the Cherry Bombs. There is

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9.20 Ceetax 10.30 Play School, presented by Fred Harris, with guest Jane Hardy (r) 10.50 Ceetax. News After Noon with Frances Coverdale and Moira Stuart, includes 12.30 news headlines with subtitles 12.55 Regional news. The weather details come from lan McCaskill. 1.00 Pebble Mill at One, presented by Bob Langley. Josephine Buchen and Paul Cola. Today's edition includes Peter Seabrook on the island of Mainau in the middle of Lake Constance, admiring the variety of coloured plants and shrubs that thrive even in the depths of winter. 1.45 King Rollo. A See-Saw programme for the very young (r) 1.50 Bric-a-Brac. For the young (r) 2.00 Ceetax 3.52 Regional resus Regional news.

3.55 Lay on Five, with Floella Benjamin and publis from Lee Bank Primary School, Birmingham (r) 4.10 Heatheliti - The Cat (r) 4.15 Jacksmory. Peter Davison reads part five of Dick King-Smith's, The Sheep-Pig (r) 4.30 Secrets Out. Another edition of the nutz in which the panel zional news. quiz in which the panel have to guess the odd hobbies of a series of Newsround Extra, Paul McDowell reports on the secret airlift, code-named Operation Moses, in which thousands of Ethiopian Jews were airlifted out of their country to Israel. (postponed from February bad books once again.

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5.10 Grange Hill. Episode 16 and Ant is in Mr Bronson's 5.35 Faxt Bill Oddie and his team help settle another election of disagraements.
6.00 News with Nicholas
Witchell and Andrew

Harvey: Weather. 6.35 London Plus. 7.00 Wogen. Tonight's guests include Beryl Reid, James, Edward and Robert Fox with their mother, Angela; Norman Tebbit; and Betty Dawson's penel is Stacy Doming, Aiden J Harvey, Sally James, Nicholas Parsons, Claire Rayner

and Bernie Winters (r) Alexis is being duped by thescheming King Galen; Prince Michael is playing

hard-to-ger-hold-of where wife Amanda is concerned; and comes to an abrupt end. (Coefax) 9.00 News with John Humphrys and Andrew Harvey. Weather.
9.30 Lovejoy, Old love letters
discovered by Lovejoy
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Waterioo hero (Ceefax) Voices. Ruth Madoc introduces a concert at the Royal Albert Hall featuring some 1,000 singers comprising 16 choles. With Arwel and Elert Peleg Williams and Aled Jones. 11.05 Film: The Sicilian Clan (1970) starring Jean Gabin and Alain Delon. Thriller about a killer sprung from jail in order to help rob an

TV-AM 6.15 Good Morning Bidtain, presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen. Exercises at 9.20; news with Gordon Honeycombo at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, at 6-30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 8.35 and 7.34; cartoon at 7.24; pop video at 7.56; Nigel Dempster a gossip column at 8.17; Jimmy Greaves a television highlights at 8.34; the recipe for crunchy aubergines and winter sated at 8.45; page three girl, Linda Lusardi, at 9.04; and the editor of The Star, Lloyd Tumer, on what it Lloyd Turner, on what it takes to be a pin-up, at

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9.25 Themes news headines.
9.30 For Schoole: the natural history of the seaside 9.47 When electricity became readily available for domestic use 10.09 Matita: connections producing patterns and codes 10.26 Science: evaporation and condensation 10.48 English: the story of Friedrich, written by Hans Peter Richter and set in Nazi Germany 11.15 How a potato becomes a

a potato becomes a packet of crisps 11.27 The skill of the signwriter 11.44

Uses of computers.

12.00 Benny. Adventures of a dog (r) 12.10 Rainbow.

Learning with puppers.
12.30 Writers on Writing.
Richard Hoggart in conversation with Alan

1.00 News at One with Leonard Parkin 1.20 Thames news,

presented by Tina Jenkins:

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1.30 Film: Silent Dust" (1949)
starring Stephen Murray,
Sally Gray and Nigel
Patrick. Drama about a
father who always thinks
the best of his roguish
son, When he hears that

he is killed in battle he

Lance Comfort.
3.00 Mr and Mrs. Quiz game for

4.00 Rainbow. A repeat of the

presented by Rod Hutt. 5.15 Blockbusters. Bob

Holness with another round of the general

knowledge game for teenagers.

Stewart 6.00 The 6 O'Clock Show. Michael Aspel and his team take a look at the lighter side of

Altrion Market. Will it be Jaz or Oliver who falls in

Me a Murder, Jessica is at a party for a calebrated

artist who is murdered after he confides in

Jessica that he believes there is a death-threat

8.30 That's My Boy, Robert is horrified when he sees the contents of his mother's

drugs cabinat and even more alarmed when he discovers how she acquired the cache (Oracle)

9.00 Auf Wiedersehen, Pet.

More comedy drama from the seven Liverpudian brickies (Gracie) 10.00 News at Ten with Alastair

Burnet and Pamela

10.30 The London Programme.
John Taylor presents an investigation into a patiern of assaults by police on members of the public.
Followed by London news headlines.

11.00 Snooker. Semifinal

coverage of the Dulux British Open.
12.15 Mirror Image. Tears For Fears in concert at the Harumersmith Odson.
1.10 Night Thoughts

7.30 Murder, She Wrote: Paint

5.45 News with Alastain

London life

plans a memorial but then the son makes a surprise appearance. Directed by

married couples, presented by Derek Batey 3.25 Themes news heedines 3.30 Sons and Daughters.

programme shown at 12.10 4.15 Bill the Minder.

Cartoon series 4.25 Emu's Pink Windmill Show,

Swaledale sheep-penner: BBC 2, at 9.30pm

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6.55 Open University: Contemporary issues in Education 7.20 Weekend Outlook. Ends at 7.26.

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9.00 Ceetax.

9.35 Daytime on Two: Spanish conversation 9.52 The Boy From Space 10.15 Maths: a mathematical rule into a graph 10.38 History: the beginning of the industrial Revolution 11.00 The Scots living in a valley in Argyl 11.22 The future for coal 11.44 Life and social skills 12.05 Getting the best from micros 12.35 Computers in education (ends at 1.00) 1.10 Science: electromagnetic

Science: electromagnetic spectrum 1.23 Does

updating Shakespeare denigrate the Bard's work? 2.00 A 14-year old

adapts to life in a wheelchair 2.30 Pupils from a south London school make a movie.

2.50 Ceefax. 5.25 News summary with

subtitles. Weather. 5.30 Film: Zebra in the Kitchen

(1965) starring Jay North and Martin Miner.

Comedy about an animal loving boy who hates zoos. Chace reigns in his city when he releases all the creatures from their

possible to make your own

possible to make your own newspaper on microcomputer; and there is a film featuring flay Kurswell, a leading exponent of artificial intelligence (rese Charles)

cages in the 200. Directed by Ivan Tors. 7.00 Micro Live. This week's edition illustrates how it is

7.30 Ebony. Bit Morris, deputy general-secretary elect of the TGWU, believes black workershave lost faith in

British society.

8.00 Travellers in Time. The

final programme of the

sories features film taken

series reasures from taken by Martin Johnson and his wife, Osa, when, in 1934, they made a 60,000 mile flying safart taking pictures of now-extinct wildlife (r) Gardeners' World.

Graham Rose, the ebulliant gardening correspondent of The Sunday Times, and Roy Lancaster, visit Jenkyn Place, Hampshire, the Carelland Control of the Carelland Carelland Carelland Carelland Carelland Carelland Carelland Carelland Carelland Carella

garden created by Gerald and Patricia Coka (1)

Nicholas continues with his snocker instruction;

and Leslie Ash enters her first race at Silverstone.

9.00 Sporting Chance. Marti

9.30 One Man and His Dog.

The trish heat, from

10.10 Did You See...? Humphrey Carpenter, Anthony Smith and Jane Lapotaire Joh Ludovic Kennedy and comment on The

11.45 Film: No Love for
Johnnie* (1960) starring
Peter Finch as a career
Labour politician who
becomes disillusioned

the same time as his wife leaves him and he begins an affair with a woman

half his age. Directed by Ralph Thomas. Ends at 1,35

Utlawater. (see Choice)

Insurance Man, 26 Bathrooms, and The Book

 ONE MAN AND HIS DOG
 (BBC 2, 9.30pm) is one of those programmes I never plan to watch and yet, having tuned in by chance, invariably find myself glued to the set. I continue to be taken by surmine every. *** gived to the set.! continue to be taken by surprise every Friday night, and intend to go on doing so until we learn which combination of man and dog whis the sheepdog championship. Wherein lies the particular magic of this at fresco conjunction of the two-and four-legged? The scenery is always breathtaking (tonight), we are still on the slopes above Ulliswater), but we can get pretty views in any good nature programme. The sheep are an unimaginative for, without the endearing compensation of cuddity tot, without the enclearing compensation of cuidity lambs. The dog handlers are all

CHOICE whistle and shout, and tend to look alike in their flat caps. So, the magic must repose in the dogs ther. And of course, it does:in the erectness of ears: in the lowness of the crouched in the lowness of the crouched body as the next command is awaited; in the sudden dash that has in something of the curved flight of the boomerang; in the final leap of delight as its master acknowledges a job well done. After watching One Man and his Dog, I always find it difficult to warm to the smug and cosseted exhibits at Crufts. MICRO LIVE (BBC 2. 7.00pm) takes a page out of Eddie Shah's book and I am not at all sure, therefore, that a writer on a rival newspaper

Radio 4

9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs.

around the world 10.30 Morning story: "The Face of Winter" by James Harriey Reader: Garard Green

W.H. Hudson

unhygenic side of the food business

a space cadet worried about going space crazy through loneliness_(r), 12.55 Weather

Thomas Hardy's novel dramatized in 6 parts, with Michael Pennington es Jude (5) We Wronged No

12.27 Son of Cliche. Portrait of

1.00 The World at One: News

The Archers 1.55

Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour
includes a discussion
about a new book on the
warsaw ghetto
2.00 News; Jude the Obscure

Man (r) (s)

4.05 Humour in Music.

Leonard Paercey talks to Peter Schickele 4.30 Kaleidoecope, A second

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Michael Parkinson telks to Selina Scott (s) (r) Feedback. Chris Dunkley

follows up listeners

cught to be recommending it to you. To be honest, though, this is only mini-Shah because it shows how, using a microcomputer, you can print your own newspaper at home - typing the stories, arranging the layout on screen, storing on a disc, and then setting "the presses" in action. The smitch firmited circulation of the resulting publication should not have much of an impact on the present war in Fleet Street and its adjoining Street and its adjoining Docklands battlefield. Radio choice: Lazar Berman playing the Brahms Plano Concerto No 1 with the BBC SO (Radio 3,7.45pm) in a concert that also includes

Peter Davalle

5.00 PM: News Magazine, 5.50 Shipping Forecast, 5.55 Weather 5.55 Wasther
6.00 News; Financial Report
6.30 Going Places. The world
of travel and transport
7.90 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week TV and
radio extracts selected
by June Knox-Mawer (s)
8.20 Law in Action. Joshua
Rozenberg presents the
last programme in the
present series about

8-55 Shipping Forecast, 6.00
News Briefing: Weather,
8-10 Farming Today, 6.25
Prayer for the Day
5-30 Today, incl.
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Travel. present series about saues thrown up by the courts and by Parliament 8.45 Any Questions? Chris Patten, David Blankett. Margaret Ctay and Ned Sherrin tackle issues raised by the audience in Birmingham 9.30 Letter from America by Alisteir Cooke present series about comments on the BBC 10.00 News; International Assignment. BBC correspondents report from any and the correspondents tair Cooke 9.45 Kaleidoscope includes

Comedy Theatre 10.15 A Book at Bedtime:

12.00 News: Weather, 12.33

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Radio 3 (the symphonic poem (Valses bourgeoi Bradshaw and Rodner Bennett, pianos); Holst (The Lune ballet music); Weilt Dreigroschenmusik), 8.00

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Morning, page 97) (s)
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investigates the working of
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11.48 Hampshire Days. P.J.
Kavanagh reads from the
book "Hampshire Days" by
W.H. Hudson 12.00 News; The Food Programme. Derek Cooper reports on the

Schools: 11.00 Singing Together (s) 11.20 Conservation - Now 11.40 The Music Box (s) 11.50 See For Yourself, 1.55-3.00 For For Yourself, 1,55-3,00 For Schools 1,55 Listering Corner, 2,05 Let's Join In, 2,25 Listen and Read, 2,40 Listen 1, 5,25-5,5 PM (continued), 12,30-1,10 Schools right-time broadcesting: Teensager

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Morning Concert: Liszt

9.00 News 9.05 This Week's Composer:

8.05 Concert: continued.
Roussel (Trio, Op 40);
Mozart (Concert Ronco in D.
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the Academy of St Martin-inthe-Fields); Debussy (La

9.05 This Week S Composes:
Sterhammer.
Gothenburg So play the
Symphomy No 1.

10.00 Elsabeth Leonskaja:
plano recital. Beethoven
(Sonsta in D minor, Op 31 No
2); Chopin (Scherzo No 4
in E, Op 54); Liszt (Rigoletto
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2; Chopin (Scherzo no 4 in E. Op 54; Liszt (Rigoletto paraphrasa)

10.50 Langham Chamber Orchestra: Haydra (Overture Acide and Galatea); Berkeley (Windsor Variations); J C Back (Sinfonia in G minor, Op 6 No 6).

11.20 Cyril Scott and C W Orr. Scott (Luliaby, and other songs including My lady sleeps, Love's quarrel, and The Valley of Stence); Orr (Bahnhofstrasse, Requiem and other songs). Philip Dogham (tenor) and David Parry (piano).

12.05 Midday Concert: BBC Scottish Orchestra, with Linda Firmie (mezzo). Part one, Sibelius (King Christian II suite); Mehler (Songs of a Wayfarer).

1.05 Concert part two. Beethoven (Symphony No 5).

1.40 Philip Jones Brass

1.40 Philip Jones Brass Ensemble: John Gardner (Sonatina Lirica); Ewald (Quintet in B flat minor, Op 5); Howarth (Quintet,

American)

2.30 Spirit of Bacn. Bach
(Brandenburg Concerto
No 3); Honegger (Prelude,
Arioso and Fughetts on
the name of BACH: Girod,
piano); Hindemith
(Kemmermusik No 3, Op 36
No 2 (Ostertag, cello);
Stravinsky (Concerto in D
flat, Dumberton Oaks)

3.30 Scariatii: Robert Woolley
(harpsichord), A recital of
sonatas in G major, KK 259 sonatas in G major, Kk 259 and 260; in D minor, Kk 141; in F minor, Kk 89; in C 141; in F minor, Kk 69; in C major, Kk 144 and Kk 146.

4.00 Choral Vespers: from Brompton Oratory, 4.55 News. News.
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: Fritz
Spiegl with a selection of
recorded music
6.30 Music for Guitar: Istvan
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7.00 Cello and Piano: Anssi Karthmen and Tuije Halddia perform works by Paavo Heininen (Deux chansons, and Aubadey, Martinu (Variations on a theme of Rossini); Erik Bergmen (Ouo vedis)
7.45 Brahms and
Ractmaninov: BBC SO,
with Lazar Berman (plano).
Part one, Brahms (Plano).

(Symphony No 1), Interval reading at 6.35. 9.35 Russian Songs: Mary King (mezzo), Andrew Ball (plano). Three songs by Myaskovsky, from the Op 40; Five poems of Anna

Akhamatova, Op 27 by Prokofiev; and Mussorg: On the River Dniepr, Lullaby, and Gathering Mushrooms. 19.15 The Herisquin
Years:fourth of Roger
Nichols's programmes about
the musical life of Paris

the musical life of Paris
after the First World War.

11.90 Noctume:
Mahler(Nachtmusik
1, from Symbhony No 7:
Chicago SO): Chopin
(Noctume in E flat, Op 55 No
2: Pogorelich: plano);
Schubert (Nachtmusik, D
848 Bavarian Radio
Chorus); Fellia (Night in the
Gardens of Spain (Alicia
de Larrocha.piano and LPO).

11.57 News. 12.00 Closedown.
VHF only: Open University.
From 6.35am to 6.55. The 19th
Century Novel: 1814.

Radio 2

4.00em, Colin Berry (s), 5.00
Ray Moore (a), 8.05 Ken Bruce (s),
10.30 Jimmy Young incl legal problems answered by Bill Thomas (s), 1.05pm Devid Jacobs (s),
2.00 Gloria Hunniford (s), 3.30
Music all the way (s), 4.00 David Hamilton (s), 6.00 John Duran incl at 6.45 (mt only) Sport and Classified results (s),8.00 Friday Night is Music Night from the Hippodrome, Golders Green.
London (s),9.15 The Organist entertains with Nigel Ogden (s), London (s), 3.1 This Organist antartains with Nigel Odden (s), 9.55 Sports desk, 10.00 Mooney's Monday Magazine, 10.30 Black Magic (with Stanley Black), 11.00 Stuart Hall (stereo from midnight), 1.00 Pete Dickson presents Nightride (s) 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music (s).

Radio 1 News on the half-hour from 6.30 am until 9.30 om and at 12.00

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Northern Ireland's main manufacturers and Belfast traders plan to open normally on Monday and hope their employees will turn up for work and ignore the "loyalist" leaders' call for a one-day strike in protest against the Anglo-Irish agreement.

As police and public utilities made contingency plans for dealing with the protest, Mr Peter Robinson, MP and deputy leader of the Democratic Unionists, disclosed that the Ulster Workers' Council, which ran the loyalists' 15-day general strike in 1974, had been re-formed "to co-ordinate action in the workplace.

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The Government employers and trade unions spoke with one voice yesierday of the damage the stoppage could do to the province's economy and prospects for investment while the province's unem-ployment figures reached a new record level of 126.304, or 21.7 per cent.

Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland. said the Unionists' strike call threatened the continuation of the union itself.

"My fear is that the threat to the union could come from those who most claim to espouse it but are embarking. il appears, on a course which is in direct collision with the views of the sovereign parliament of the UK. That is a very serious matter indeed." he

The protest action was also condemned by Mr Ian Gow, the Conservative MP and former Treasury minister who resigned in protest against the signing of the Hillsborough agreement and who the loyalist leaders have regarded as their staunchest friend in Par-

The Orange Order has called on its members, about 100,000, to support the action. The Ulster Defence Association, the paramilitary organization which provided the intimidatory muscle behind loyalist strikes in 1974 and 1977, said il "echoed the politicians' concern for a non-

After Sir John Hermon, the RUC chief constable, met his senior officers in Belfasi the police said they were in contact with the protest organizers. "The purpose is to seek co-operation in ensuring that all forms of protest are peaceful and within the law." the RUC said.

In revealing the rebirth of the Ulster Workers' Council, now to be known as the 1986 Workers' Committee, Mr Robinson strengthened speculation that he is the key figure and main architect of the loyalist action, pushing a re-luciant party leader, the Rev lan Paisley.

He seemed to suggest that, far from being uninvolved and ignorant of strike planning, as Mr Paisley and Mr James Molyneaux, the Official Unionist leader, had claimed, they were in fact its inspiration. "The two leaders gave a clear call to the whole Ulster community to join them in a day of action." Mr Robinson

The Northern Ireland Electricity Service, whose employees were crucial to the success of the loyalists' 1974 general strike which toppled the power-sharing executive at Stormont, said it was taking steps to ensure the maximum electricity would be available.

Belfast's two largest manufacturing employers, the Harland & Wolff shippard and Shorts aircraft factories. which together employ about people neighbouring sites in East Belfast, are urging their employees to go in normally.

Transport links to mainland Britain, which are most at risk, are the ferry services from Strangaer and the neighbouring Scottish port of Cairmyan, into Larne, Dockers at Larne say they will strike from 7 am to 7 pm.

Air services are expected to continue unless firemen a Belfast's two airports walk

Central Belfast traders, both the large chain stores and retailers, decided yesterday to ignore the protest

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 28 1986 Belfast traders | Nothing so toothsome as a winter dip



Racing may be at a standstill and the gallops frozen but horses still have to be exercised and what better way to get yourself in trim for the Flat season than a swim in an outdoor pool.

The very thought is enough to send shivers down the human spine but Sound Fact, pictured above, obviously enjoyed every minute of his daily dip when his trainer, Ray Hutchinson, led him round at his Reigate stable yesterday.

Hutchinson, son of the former leading Australian jockey, Ron, bnilt a comment room two years ago Flat season gets under-and now claims it is way on March 20.

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water jets are on," After pool exercise, each horse has a roll in the sand pit to remove the surface water and is then dried nnder the heat lamps before being groomed. And for any of Hutchinson's horses who do not relish the pool,

more conventional ex-

walker, pictured right, is

available. Hutchinson, a qualified veterinary surgeon, is in his first year as a trainer plex comprising pool, and will have his first jacuzzi and heat-treat- runners soon after the



Teachers' dispute pact still in doubt

By Lucy Hodges, The two sides in the teachers' pay dispute were having lastminute talks at the conciliation service. Acas, last night, on the eve of signing a document which is expected to bring peace to the schools.

But there were signs that the provisional agreement drawn up under the auspicies of the Advisory. Conciliation and Arhimation Service might not be confirmed at today's Burnham committee meeting if the teaching unions could not give enough reassurance to the employers that their members would return to full normal duties once the 1985 dispute was out of the way.

The Acus agreement states: "The teachers' organizations undertake to take immediate steps with a view to the cessation of all industrial action and a return to full normal

However, many members of the second biggest mion, the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers, are expect-ed to continue to refuse voluntary duties.

Even the traditionally moderate Assistant Masters and Mistresses Association has advised its members that covering for absent colleagues after the first day is voluntary rather than contractual.

Mr Peter Smith, its assistant general secretary, said he could understand why the employers were feeling sensitive. The biggest teaching union, the National Union of Teachers, is not a party to the

Acas announced the panel to supervise talks on the longterm problems of the teaching profession to begin once the ispute is over.

Chief in clear

The Director of Public Prosecutions has announced that no action is to be taken against Wiltshire Chief Constable Donald Smith who admitted giving permission for illegal after-hours drinking in his force's own social club. He reported himself to the DPP when he discovered he did not have the power to do this.

Today's events

Royal engagements
The Prince of Wales visits the St Helens Trust, Watsoo Street Works, St. Helens, Merseyside, 9.55; and then visits Gostins of Liverpool Workshops and Training School, Halewood, Knowsley, 11.10; Willy Wipers Workshops, Hide Street Industrial Estate, Liverpool, 12.15; the Albert Dock Complex, Liverpool, 12.30; and later visits the Cavendish Workshops, Birkenhead, Merseyside, 14.05. Princess Anne Inspects the Passing Our Course and takes the salure at Ceremooial Di-Princess Anne inspects the Passing Our Course and takes

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Watercolour and collage by Dennis Davis; The Ginnel Gallery; Lloyds House, 16 LLoyd Street, Manchester, 9 to 5.30. Paintings, watercolours and echings by Terry McKinney. The Portico Library & Gallery.

9.30 to 4.30.
English and Welsh landscapes
— work by Michael Carlo,
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St. John's, Smith Square, SW1,

Welsh Gold - gold from the re-opened Clogau mine; Geo-logical Museum, British Museum, Cromwell Road, SW7, 10 Music

Cooceri by the NCOS Symphony Orchestra: works by Mozart and Berloiz: The Chapel, zart aod Berloiz; The Chapel, King's College, Cambridge; 8. Recital by the Brodsky String Quartet: North Bromsgrove High School, Bromsgrove, 7.30. Concert by the Guildhall Sinfonia: works by Mozart and Tippett; Guildhall School of

Music and Drama, Barbican, 1.05. Jazz by the George Russell Orchestra: Royal Northern College of Music, Concert Hall, Manchester, 7.30.
Piano recital by Pierre Vallet; St James's Church, Piccadilly, London: 1.10.

Harpsicbord recital by Ivor Boltoo: St James's Church, Piccadilly: 7.30. Concert by the Bournemouth Siofonicita, works by Rodrigo, Respighi, Copland and Falla, 7.30; Harp recital by Icuan Jones, 7.30; Wyvern Theatre,

Piano recital by Paul Burke; Grundy Art Gallery, Queen Street, Blackpool, 12.45. Concert by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra: works by Verdi, Glazunov, Saint-Saens and Berloiz: Guildball, Southampton, 7,30.

Talks, lectures
Sarah Siddoos, by Wendy
Nelson-Cave; Museum of London, Londoo Wall; 1.10. The Relics of Saioi Cuthbert, various lecturers; Vaughan College, Leicester, Ioday and tomorrow 7.30, 9.30 and 5.

Gods in Human Form: Greek sculpture, by Patsy Vanags: British Museum, Great Russell Street, WCI, 11.30.

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THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE Food prices Roads

Supplies of home grown vegetables have beeu badly affected by the cold weather, Cauliflowers, cabbages, spring greens and root vegerables, are all likely to be in short supply, although part of the shortfall may be made up by imports. Potatoes 9lip a lb, carrots 20-25p, parsnips 25-35p, onions 12-20p and swedes 10-20p, all from store, are good value. Mushrooms, grown 2 Mushrooms, grown 3 Mushrooms, grow

swedes 10-20p, all from store, are good value. Mushrooms, grown under controlled indoor cooditions and so not affected by the weather, are between 30p and 60p a 4zib. Calabrese (green broccoli) from Jersey. Spain and Italy may seem expensive at 90p-£1.20 a lb but there is oo waste. Celery at 30-46p a head and Chioese leaves 40-50p a lb are salad standbys and can also be served hot.

Cold weather usually stimulates mean as a last she was a last she was been topside and silverside on special offer at £1.86 a lb and New Zealand lamb down by 20p a lb to £1.18 for whole leg and £1.08 for whole leg and £1

for whole leg and £1.08 for cutlets. Dewhurst and Baxters are promoting pork and poultry, with pork leg steaks at £1.39 a lb, with pork leg steaks at £1.39 a lb, half legs 89p, and pork and poulity packs for £4.99 each. Safeway have frozen minced beef at 79p and whole fresh pork leg at 89p a lb; Tesco boneless brisket of beef £1.48 and grade A fresh chicken quarters 84p a lb; Fine Fare braising steak £1.52 a lb; Asda fresh chicken 69p a lb; Beiam rib eve steaks £2.19 a lb Bejam rib eye steaks £2.19 a lb. lamb chump chops 99p and chicken breasts £3.69 for a 4 lb pack; Marks & Spencer butter basted turkey breast and bone-less turkey roast each £2.44 and

less turkey roast each £2.44 and £1.64 respectively.
Fish supplies and quality are good, and many prices are down. Best buys include large cod down 2p to an average of £1.68 a lb, haddock £1.71, whiting £1.24, plaice £1.86, coley 88p and smoked haddock £1.74.

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Births: Sir John Tenniel, cartoonist and illustrator (Alice in Wonderland), London, 1820.
Deaths: Henry James, Rye,
1916; Arnold Dolmetsch, pioneer of revival of early music,
Haslemere, 1940; Maxwell Anderson, playwright, Stam-ford. Coonecticut, 1959; Rajendra Prasad, 1st president of the Republic of India 1950-**Snow Reports**

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New snow on good base

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6am to midnight London, SE, central S England: Cloudy, outbreaks of snow, moderate accumulations in places, with drifting; wind E strong locally gale force; max tento 1 C (247). East Anglia, E McManda: Becoming cloudy with outbreaks of snow, moderate securifications in places, with drifting; wind E or NE fresh or strong locally gale force; next temp 1 C (347).

E, NE England: Sunny periods, scattered snow chowers; wind E moderate or fresh; max temp 2 C (367).

W Midlands, SW england, S Waters Cloudy, occasional snow, elight to moderate accumulations in places, with drifting; wind NE strong to gale force; max temp 2C (367).

Charmel balands: Mostly cloudy, occasional rain or steet; with NE fresh or strong locally gale force; max temp 3C (377).

N Wates, NW, central N England, Lake District, isle of Mac: Mostly dry, bright or sunny periods; wind NE moderate or fresh; max temp 3C (377).

Bonders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Morsy Firth, NE Scotland, Orissey, Shethaad: Sunny periods, scattered sleet or snow stowers; wind variable light; max temp 3C (377).

SW, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Angril, Northern Ireland: Mostly dry and sunny; wind variable light; max, perhaps, himing to rain in the excreme Sr mostly dry and bright in the N; staying cold in most places.

Top Films

Commando Spies Like Us Rocky IV Back to the Future

3 (2) Flocky IV
4 (4) Back to the Future
5 (3) A Chorus Line
6 (5) Kiss of the Spider Woman
7 (-) Agnes of God
8 (8) Teen Wotf
9 (8) My Beautiful Laundrette
10 (9) Death in a French Garden The top films in the province 1 Rocky IV 2 Spies Like Us 3 Teen Wolf

Top video rentals

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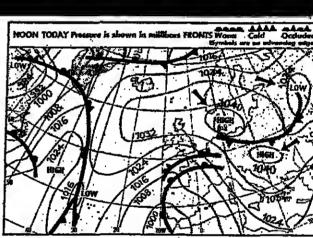
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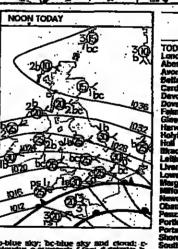
| Rambo: first Blood 2 | Gramlins | Ghostbusters | Mask Yesterday 4(10) Mask 5 (4) Bewarty Hills Cop 6 (5) Neverending Story 7 (6) The Terminator 8(33) The Last Dragon 9(31) Cut and Run 10 (7) The Mean Season

Parliament today Commons (9.30): Debate on Business Sponsorsbip of the

Moon sets 8.18 am Last quarter: March 3

Lighting-up time





High Tides

Around Britain

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Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzie; f, fair; tg, log; r, rain; s, sur;; sn; snow; t, thunder

puzzle No 16,980 will appear

filthy place (8). 1 Fish in river to reveal what's beeo secretly imported (6). 2 A cork, perhaps, in the drink 3 Puts on accent - it's attrac-

12 Even chess games, say, can 16 Ordered for five to nine at

4 Existing expenditure (4.2.6). 6 Criticize cook io a way (5).

The solution of eliminator on Thursday March 6

7 Discretion is lacking, oddly,

8 Flower people employed to

11 Deep emotions from middle

15 Abandons ice-cream for

sort of cake (4,5).

the table, say (8).

be (3-5).

republic (6).

section of orchestra (5-7).

io this town (8).

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